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## Step-by-Step Lemon Trees

By Sam Bishop

On Tuesday, every chair in the downstairs meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library was full. Not of spectators, but of active participants in a painting lesson.

The Step-by-Step painting lesson was performed by a canvas and ceramic painting studio in Fairhaven. The event in the library was free for entry, though it was supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council and was organized by Library Technician Felicia Aguiar. The lesson, which had all its registration slots full and waitlist opened, saw attendees arranged at tables set up in a large rectangle, all facing the center. The instructor was at one head of the tables with an example painting as well as a blank canvas for attending artists to follow along.

The participants painted a small lemon tree in a pot over the course of about two hours. The 15-or-so artists were not forced to follow strictly along and could "do your own thing!" if inspiration took them.

For more information of events held at the library, you can visit their website at [mattapoisett-ma.whofi.com/calendar](http://mattapoisett-ma.whofi.com/calendar).

## Stopped Before The Thaw

By Sam Bishop

On April 9, the Town of Marion was notified that The Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project organization would be conducting aerial pesticide application throughout the following week through April 18. The county-wide effort comes just as temperatures begin to rise and is done primarily to destroy mosquito larvae before they can hatch.

Per Marion Board of Health, the application is done only over wetlands and not residential zones, between 5:30 am and 3:00 pm. The group would service about 500 acres of Marion wetlands at the same time as

*On the Cover: Mattapoisett Free Public Library hosted a step-by-step painting lesson on Tuesday. Registration for the event was full, and the meeting room of the library's seats were all taken up by local artists painting a lemon tree. Photo by Sam Bishop*

400 acres in Pembroke to the north.

For this pre-summer application, Vectobac is released via plane, specifically a red and white Cessna Ag-Wagon.

This initiative has been longstanding, as it received heightened funding following the West Nile Virus outbreaks of 2022 and other recent spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE or "Triple E"). Rochester also often sees spraying, though the organization has not yet announced when that will begin.

According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Tri-Town is uniform in its current risk levels. There is a "Low" risk of EEE, though still above the lowest level of "remote." For WNV, there is a moderate risk. The last positive cases of either were both reported last September, meaning the current likelihood of contact is negligible, though it will rise once mosquitos become more prevalent as temperatures climb.

Anti-larvae initiatives will continue throughout the warm season as professionals and health experts keep mosquito levels at bay. For more information on these programs, you can visit [plymouthmosquito.org](http://plymouthmosquito.org) or the state's site at [mass.gov/mosquito-bourne-diseases](http://mass.gov/mosquito-bourne-diseases).

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## Washington Arrives in NYC

*This Week in Revolutionary War History*

**By Sam Bishop**

This week in Revolutionary War history, let's check up on what was going on 250 years ago in New England and the northern Thirteen Colonies. Last week, General Washington and thousands of Continental Army soldiers departed from Boston in triumph and made their way across southern New England towards New York. Major General Philip Shuyler as well as many in the Continental Congress seek to send soldiers north to bolster another attempt at capturing Quebec, though Washington is generally focused on the defense of New York City. In North Carolina, the first governing body officially called for independence.

On April 12, 1776, Washington arrives in Greenwich, Connecticut, the last major settlement before crossing the border into the Province of New York. According to army expense reports, Washington stopped in Knapp Tavern, a meeting place for Freemasons. The tavern still stands and is used for local meetings of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

On April 13, Washington arrives on Manhattan crossing the "King's Bridge" that stood until 1913 into the Bronx. He had crossed this bridge about 10 months prior on his way to take command of the Continental Army outside Boston. The city he returns to is a stronghold of Tory sympathizers, much unlike Boston.

On his first night in New York, he dines in another tavern still standing to this day, The Queen's Head Tavern on the corner of Pearl and Broad Street. This time, towards the south of the island by The Battery owned by Samuel Fraunces. Today, the tavern is owned and operated by the Sons of the Revolution. Big theme here.

On April 14, Washington issued his first General Orders from his new headquarters at 1 Broadway. The Kennedy Mansion would serve as his headquarters for his first few days in the city until the arrival of his wife, Martha. In his orders, the general commends the troops that have been stationed in the city thus far for their buildup of fortifications as well as the fact the city has not fallen into enemy hands. Towards the masses of troops now entering the city, he adds, "The General flatters himself, that he shall hear no complaints from the citizens, of abuse, or ill-treatment, in any respect whatsoever; but that every officer, and soldier, of every rank and denomination, will pride themselves (as men contending in the glorious cause of liberty ought to do) in an orderly, decent and regular deportment."

The next day, the general writes replies to the many letters sent to him while he was on his way to the city. To John Adams, he thanks for important introductions to important powerbrokers in the city as well as thanking the Continental Congress, "I am impressed with the deepest Gratitude for the high honor intended me by the Congress." To John Hancock, president of the congress, he gives a detailed account of his journey west. He informs Hancock he has sent four brigades, about 2,000 men, north through Albany towards New York, following Schuyler's request. He also mentions he sent them by boat up the Hudson River. He noted he has called upon much artillery, though many cannons are being held up by the defenses of Providence and New London.

On April 16, Washington writes in his General Orders that he has instructed Colonel William Prescott, Groton-born and leader of the defense of Bunker Hill, to cross over to Governors Island just south of Manhattan and immediately begin the construction of fortifications.



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General Charles Lee had been in the city since January, and at this time, the two generals were working together from Broadway on strategies for defense of the city and the mouth of the Hudson.

### ORR Students Attentive to Herren's Message

By Sam Bishop

On Monday, local basketball legend, former NBA and Boston Celtics player Chris Herren visited Old Rochester Regional High School to address students. Herren was not there to strictly talk about basketball, however. Herren serves as a influential, motivational speaker, having lived through many years of drug abuse and near-death experiences as a result. He captivates listeners with stories of his meteoric rise and nearly catastrophic downturn. I would know, as I also heard him speak over a decade ago at my high school. On Monday, however, Herren was speaking to the students in ORRHS in a packed auditorium.

Herren was born in and grew up in Fall River. He played basketball at B.M.C. Durfee High School, achieving the rare feat of a 2,000-point career before attending Boston College in 1994. While playing for BC, Herren failed drug tests and was later injured while playing. Being out of the game, Herren explains, exacerbated his drug dependence. He was expelled from BC but attended Fresno State in California. He was drafted into the NBA in 1999, his senior year. He first played for the Denver Nuggets and transferred the next year to the Celtics. Following a few years in the NBA, Herren played internationally in Italy, Turkey, China, Germany, Iran, and Poland.

His talk to ORR students did not focus on his basketball career, though that may serve as a good hook initially. Herren details his long struggle with addiction

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and dependency on painkillers following injuries like Oxycodone, Percocet, and Vicodin. He says, "The focus oftentimes is on the worst day when it comes to speaking about addiction. We need to understand how this begins rather than how it ends. Prevention starts on the first day."

Following a near-death car crash following an overdose from heroin in 2008, Herren has been drug- and alcohol-free since. Speaking at ORR, Herren is close to home as he often circles back on his travels which have seen him speak to millions of students and listeners.

ORR said in a statement, "Today was maybe the most attentive we've seen our student body!"

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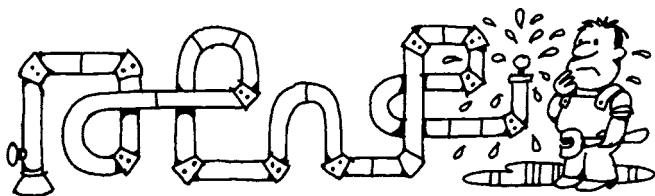
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## Spring's Perfume

*The Seaside Gardener*

By Laura McLean

When it comes to sensory stimulation, spring has the motherlode. It's spilling out of every corner now, giving the senses a big boost.

Ears are tilted now for the trickling brook, birds and the things that go peep in the night; gradually, arms are bared to receive the warmed air; eyes smile appreciatively at the lingering daylight and a tiny turtle with neck lifted as it heads out on the open road (like in Steinbeck's opening of *The Grapes of Wrath*).

Meanwhile, the nose takes a direct hit, quite willingly, as the perfume of early spring flowers pervades the newborn air. I was born in spring and each year I feel reborn to experience the season. It's a new beginning.

So much of the spring is announced in scent. And yet people have different interpretations of the exact smell that distinguishes this season. "Sea air. Mulch. Drying tar. Barbeque. Manure. Hyacinth. Burning leaves."

Lilac gets my vote as the one true fragrance identifying a New England spring; with an added shower, the subtle tones are spiked in deliciousness. I recall once leading a tour through the Arnold Arboretum during Lilac Week and one lady told me she'd lost her ability to smell. It seemed brutally unfair, considering we walked past hillsides drenched with lilacs in their peak! Hopefully her ability to summon the scent from memory might have given her some consolation.

Have you noticed that many of the flowers that coincide with the lilac have similar undertones? Work your way through a border of peonies, iris, mock orange, viburnum, pansies, sweet pea, hyacinth and stock and you'll feel like a tester at a Parisian parfumerie, wearing the trademark rosy nose. Fortunately, they don't all bloom at once, but in succession, giving us time to appreciate them individually.

What is this elusive thing called scent anyhow? Well, for one thing, it's a gateway to emotions. I'm told that the compartment that processes scent in the brain resides next to the compartment that holds memory. When you rediscover a scent from way back - (snickerdoodle cookies and my grandmother's linen closet) - it's possible to time travel, overlapping present and past.

I was in England with my family walking down a country lane. It had just rained and then it hit me: a fragrance that I recognized from early childhood. Although I couldn't place the exact plant, I knew it brought me back to a place in my great grandmother's garden by the shed. Although the plant's name wasn't retrievable, the fragrance was.

Scent is an inherent sense for some of us. My family knows mine is akin to a bloodhound's nose. Vinegar and lavender go a long way toward undoing the unpleasant olfactory experiences. Nothing's more welcoming than walking into a home that smells clean.



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Fragrance can be deliberately planted within our garden to conjure different chapters of our life. The roses worn as corsages; lily of the valley that grew on a bank by my grandmother's house and the honeysuckle that wafts along the

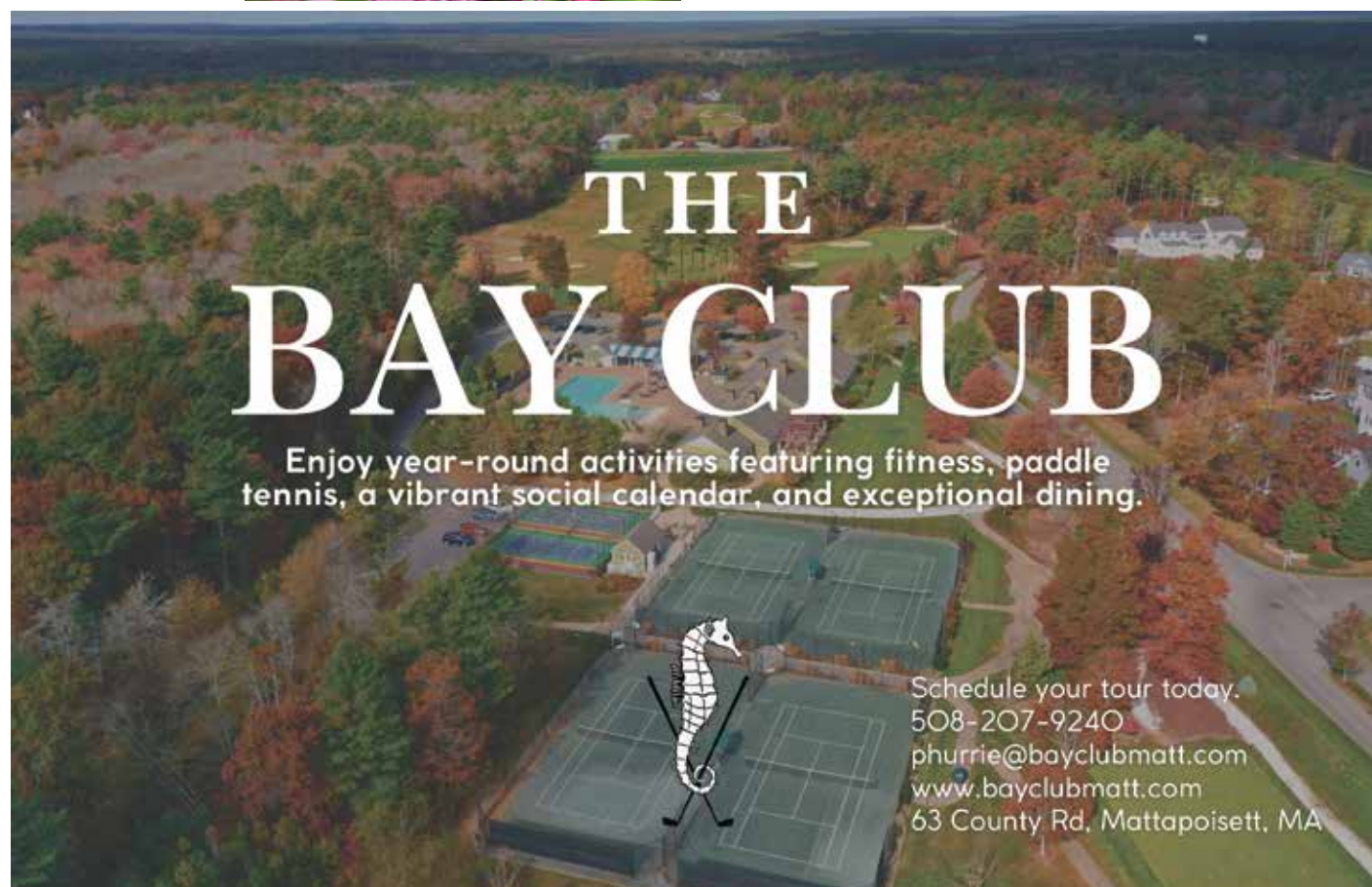


beach in summer. It's all a part of the great mystique of nature; each enjoyed in turn.

Indulge your nose and take a journey to forgotten places.

If you want to plant for fragrance, consider: evening stock, flowering tobaccos, four-o'clock flower, amaryllis, heliotrope, lavender, mignonette, phlox, petunia, sweet alyssum, tuberose, and wallflowers... and shrubs such as lilacs, roses, clethra, mock orange, viburnum, and many more.

"A rose by any other name would smell as sweet." - Shakespeare's *Romeo & Juliet*.



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## Beach Access Road Nearing Agreement

*Mattapoisett Conservation Commission*

**By Marilou Newell**

Ned's Point, the iconic coastal park that features a lighthouse, has seen tens of thousands of visitors over the decades as it has graced Mattapoisett's Harbor. Yet time and tides, waves and storms often pound away at the tiny beach enjoyed by so many. Now, at the behest of the Mattapoisett Highway Department, the seaside park will receive beach nourishment.

A quick peak on Google would offer this explanation, "...beach nourishment is a coastal protection method that adds sand or sediment to eroding shorelines to restore beaches, protect infrastructure from storm surges and enhancement of recreational areas."

Mattapoisett Conservation Agent Samantha Carew explained that any sand replacement will include a sieve analysis to ensure the material is closely aligned with sands already at the side. She said some 140 feet of nourishment is planned to re-establish the beach area, that work will take place between May and June as directed by state environmental agencies, and that coastal mapping is planned. The Notice of Intent filing received conditioning.

But the lion's share of the evening agenda stopped as the commission continued discussions regarding the fate of an easement located at Bryne Avenue and Shell Beach Road.

Acting Chairman David Nicolosi read a letter received from Stephen Vaitses of 5 Dyre Road, one of interested abutting parties which said that most issues concerning the long-term maintenance of the beach access road have been agreed between all parties but wished to add language that would include handicap-accessible features.

Vaitses gave a short historical perceptiveness of the area that read, "The plan of Shell Beach was originally created in 1898 establishing Shell Beach Road, Noyes Avenue and Burne Avenue, other ways of use by the Shell Beach residents. Since inception, residents of Shell Beach have used Noyce Avenue for access and used Byrn Avenue to park and access Shell Beach Road including using Shell Beach Road itself for beach, boating, fishing,

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and other recreational purposes without obstruction.”

Nicolosi said that any decision by the commission needs to include permanent boundary markers for the access under discussion.

After further discussion that delved into ADA-compliance matters and maintenance planning, the Notice of Intent filing was continued to allow for complete delineation of the area before establishment of conditions that would impact the interested parties well into the future.

A Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Vera Gibbons, 9 Pearl Street, for the construction of a 10x13.4 square-foot addition to the single-family home on the site received a negative determination.

The RDA filed by the Mattapoissett Museum, 5 Church Street, also received a negative determination for the construction of a 5-foot wide handicap ramp.

The RDA filing by Derek and Kylene Gregorie, 2 Good Speed Island Road, for the construction of 10x10 foot deck received a negative determination.

The next meeting of the Mattapoissett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, April 27.

### More Solar Projects Advanced

*Rochester Planning Board*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

Rochester’s Planning Board meeting on Tuesday started and ended with a focus on solar energy installation proposals.

The board opened with an informal discussion of a Site Plan Review proposal to build a 1 megawatt, ground-mounted solar array on Walnut Plain Road. The installation will be just under 10 acres and located across from the small cemetery there, said project representative Sarah Stern. The board’s lone question came from Chair Arnold Johnson, who asked if the site’s utilities would be underground. “Wherever it can be done,” Stern responded. She said the formal application is currently being worked on.

Next, the board continued to April 28 its hearing into a modification of the Definitive Subdivision permit



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for the previously approved Snipatuit Pond Estates at Gerrish and Bishop Road after it made a special request of the developer.

Developer Robert Pellegrini's proposal is to swap two parcels of open space to create a 3.578-acre buildable lot on one of them. On Tuesday, the board requested that Pellegrini place all but the new house lot under a conservation restriction as a permit condition. The board instructed Pellegrini to return with what that plan would look like.

The board then began a Site Plan Review and Special Permit hearing for High Street Solar 2 at 0 High Street. This plan is part of two applications for a ground-mounted solar array to include a battery-storage system

on that street. The notice for Site One was opened at the board's March 24 meeting. Tuesday's hearing began a review of Site Two, the northern lots near Mayflower Lane. Stern, who is also overseeing the Walnut Road solar plan, reported that High Street Solar planners are removing the emergency-access road that was once planned on Mayflower Lane, which is also eliminating wetlands-resource impacts that its installation might cause. The total property is 120 acres; the installation will cover 20 acres, she said.

A roomful of residents raised objections that included the question as to what will noise decibel levels be like. Abutter Peter Sherlock asked if the battery-system pad planned for the site could be moved south, farther away from residents. Stern indicated that change was possible.

Johnson said in conclusion that more information on the plan's final design will come out after the town engineer's peer review, which has yet to start. Stern requested a continuance of this hearing to April 28. Johnson said that is the date of the Site One continuance. The peer review engineer will need the extra time, he said. The board continued the Site Two hearing to May 12.

In other action, the board continued to April 28 the Site Plan Review hearing on a proposal to clear and regrade land behind Town Hall for an 8,220-square foot parking lot.

The Rochester Planning Board's next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

### **Toll Brothers Pier Approved**

*Marion Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Jeffrey D. Wagner**

The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals on April 9 approved a Special Permit for Toll Brothers Inc. to maintain a pier for their 48-unit housing project.

In fact, Attorney David Callahan of Westborough said on behalf of the Toll Brothers that they plan to install floating docks for residents in that community to use the pier for small boating craft.

Callahan said that, since the town made some

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zoning changes two years ago, the pier is of non-conforming use. He said the pier will be altered with an anchor and there will be kayaks available. Owners must secure a spot to store a boat during the summer months but would be responsible for storing the boats elsewhere off season.

The Conservation Commission and the Planning Board took no issue with it, and a letter from then-Harbormaster Adam Murphy expressed approval of the project. Murphy said it does not pose any environmental impacts, and it is consistent with the town's goal of expanding public use of town waterways.

Some ZBA members asked questions about storage and if there would be enough room – especially if 48 homeowners have boats. Project proponents said they do not expect that, but the docks will be more for smaller crafts such as kayaks.

Responding to ZBA questions, project proponents said that there will be railings for safety.

Earlier this year, the nationally based Toll Brothers took over the project. Last July, Toll Brothers representatives amended the site plan after some concerns were raised by the board pertaining mostly to traffic patterns and potential safety.

Five years ago, it was initially proposed as a 55-and-over development for townhouses and cottages, but it has been amended into a development of single-family homes.

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This hearing was the lone item on agenda at the 23-minute meeting. The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will meet again April 23.

## Pools to Phragmites, Cases Advanced

*Marion Conservation Commission*

**By Sam Bishop**

The Marion Conservation Commission met on April 8 in the Police Station and remotely for numerous public hearings.

The first was for a Request for Determination of Applicability for the reconstruction of a pool, spa, and patio at 11 Reservation Way by applicant Roger Holmes. The project also encompassed various landscape



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improvements. Todd MacDonald of from Homesite Construction Engineers served as project representative, who explained the project was to replace structures and installations already present while “essentially” maintaining their locations. There is currently a fence that surrounds the pool area, with all work being done within said zone. Without much questioning, the hearing was closed.

Next was another Request for Determination of Applicability. This time, for the construction of a timber deck with railing atop an existing pier at 24 West Drive. The applicant was 24 West Drive LLC, which was represented by Will Saltonstall who noted, “we’re proposing minor improvements.” Saltonstall said the current structure is neither safe nor secure, with a new carpentry project being built atop the current base which was cited as being near the shore. Without any questions, Town Planner Doug Guey-Lee said, “I don’t have any questions. I agree, it’s pretty straightforward.” The hearing was closed.

After a bit of small talk to get back to time, a Notice of Intent filed by Melissa Cruz was discussed for the treatment and management of invasive reeds and shrubbery at 13 Holly Road. A wetland scientist from Guard Consulting served as representative who explained that much of the property is salt marsh, which he added, “is composed nearly entirely of invasive phragmites reeds.” The consultant said, “what we are proposing is a substantial amount of invasive-species management.” He said herbicides used would be the same for other local floral management, being Glyphosate and Imazamox.

Following this, the representative added, “all the work will strictly adhere to the labels of those herbicide products, because that is federal law, and those things are highly vetted through both the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) at the federal level as well as Mass Department of Agricultural Resources at the state level.”

Though he noted both are approved for public use, a 2025 study by George Mason University cites glyphosate as carcinogenic as well as the International Agency for Research on Cancer classifying glyphosates as a probable human carcinogen in 2015.

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Questions from the ConCom highlighted that machinery brought to the site would convert fallen branches or other decayed plants to mulch and remain on site. Nothing is planned to be replanted, and the representative said, "native vegetation tends to recolonize on its own without much assistance." The hearing was closed with a unanimous vote.

The final public hearing was another Request for Determination of Applicability by Jeff Doubrava of 47 East Ave for landscape renovation as well as the installation of an electrical conduit line for the property's pier. For this hearing, Doubrava recused himself as a commissioner due to himself being the applicant, though he did give the presentation on the project. The hearing for the property on Planting Island was closed with a unanimous vote and without many questions from the commission.

In rendering decisions, first was 11 Reservation Way which received unanimous approval with a Negative Determination as the work will not heavily alter the grounds. Next, 24 West Drive also received unanimous approval with a Negative Determination due to similarly minimal ground impact.

Ther work at 13 Holly Road was unanimously approved with minimal changes to the wording of the project plan. The commission also added a stipulation that indigenous plantlike must be added to the wetlands after a few years should none naturally grow. The project at 47 East Ave. received unanimous approval with a Negative Determination, though commissioner Jeff Doubrava left the room before the vote.

The next meeting of the Marion Conservation Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, April 22 at 7:00 pm in the Marion Police Department with remote access through Microsoft Teams.

### Cutler's Curtain Call Continued

*Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals*

**By Michael J. DeCicco**

The highlight of the April 9 meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals was what had almost happened.

It would have been the last meeting for Richard Cutler after serving roughly 40 years on the ZBA, except the two hearings its members opened that night both needed continuances to April 23.

Cutler, whose long service to the town also included stint as a selectman, began the meeting by reading from a prepared statement to address his



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retirement. "It is with mixed emotions that I am leaving my seat on the ZBA," he said. "It has been a privilege to have served with so many people dedicated to preserving the intent of the zoning bylaws and by extension the rural character of my community. But it is time to step aside and let younger people continue the work. I look at the people here and feel confident that well-considered decisions will continue."

Meeting action delayed that retirement by another two weeks. First, the board continued to the next meeting its hearing into a request to allow a shortened front setback for a new home construction at 28 Marion Road. Property owner and engineer Nelson Bernardo said he needs to be allowed a 34-foot setback rather than the

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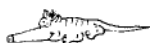


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required 40-foot setback because he inadvertently built his house foundation too close to setback lines. He said his plan is to build a modest set of steps to his front door to match the colonial style of his home with landscape screening. Board members noted this is his own design and construction. "It's a self-inflicted hardship," board member Jeffrey Costa said. They instructed him to return with the original plans stamped and certified.

Next, the board heard a request for a special permit to allow a kennel license for 15 dogs at 19 County Road. Property owner Anita Milka explained her plan is for a kennel behind the house she is building there. Milka explained she handles small-breed dogs, Bernedoodles and "Oxie" doodles, she said. Her intent is to breed them

and sell them.

The board's main response was that the hearing was advertised incorrectly and may need to be readvertised. The kennel would be on 2.5 acres of Lot 1, not on the 8 acres on the full, three-lot parcel as advertised in The Wanderer. The board continued this hearing to April 24 to give Milka time to resubmit plans.

Before this continuance, abutters attending the hearing lent their support. "I'm here to support what she wants to do," Planning Board member Michael Murphy said. "This is what this town is all about. Small business and animals. Everybody in town has a dog. These kennel owners are people that will take pride in those dogs, treat them well."

Scott Mackus said he attended the hearing because he feared a kennel bringing in 15 dogs every week. "But raising and breeding dogs," he said. "I'm all for that."

The next meeting of the Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals will be held on Thursday, April 23 at 7:00 pm at 1 Constitution Way.

**Track Teams Run out to Fast Start**

*Sports Roundup*

**By Aiden Comorosky**

Old Rochester's boys and girls track teams went up against Apponequet in their first meet of the season on April 9. ORR's boys won, 95-39, and the girls won, 80-55.

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Malik Washburn had an impressive performance, as he won the 110-meter hurdles, triple jump, and high jump and was named the runner of the meet for the boys. On the girls' side, Annalise Milhench was named a runner of the meet, as she won the mile and 2-mile. Both teams took 1-0 records into Wednesday's meet against Joseph Case, and ORR will face Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech on April 29.

### Boys Lacrosse

The Bulldogs played at Greater New Bedford Voc-Tech (1-4) on April 10 and won 14-2. Sophomore James Devoll was named the player of the game, as he scored 2 goals, had an assist, and won 17 of 18 faceoffs. The Bulldogs took a 3-1 record into Wednesday's game against Bridgewater-Raynham (3-2), and they'll play at Lakeville against division rival Apponequet (2-2) on Friday, April 17.

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Thursday, April 23: Sausage w/ Abruzzi sauce, bowtie pasta, Cali blend vegetables, whole grain cornbread, apple.

Friday, April 24: Beef Stroganoff, egg noodles, Brussel sprouts, wheat roll, banana.

### ORRHS Student Participates in Massachusetts Student Government Day

Old Rochester Regional High School is pleased to share that Olivia Thompson, a junior and member of the Class of 2027, recently participated in the statewide Student Government Day.

On April 10, Olivia and ORRHS Spanish teacher Kelly Ochoa traveled to the State House to participate in the annual Student Government Day.

Student Government Day, formerly known as Good Government Day, is an informative program about state government that includes students taking on the role of elected or appointed officials to observe the processes of government. The goal of the event is to provide an immersive experience in the state legislative process by allowing students to engage with representatives and empowering them to voice their own informed views on current legislation.

During their visit, Olivia and Ochoa met with state Rep. Mark Sylvia and Old Rochester alumnus Eddie Gonet for a tour of the State House and visited state Sen.



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Olivia participated in a student-led legislative session and shared her support of House Bill H.614, which proposes the Commissioner of Education develop guidelines for Artificial Intelligence (AI) use in schools. The student bill was passed.

The discussions Olivia heard during Student Government Day directly related to lessons Old Rochester students have encountered in their curriculum. Last year, students debated a bill that, if enacted, would ban cell phone usage during the school day. Two days before her visit, the Massachusetts state representatives passed a similar bill to ban cell phone usage in school. The Senate

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had previously passed the bill, and it is now returning to the Senate for a review of modifications.

"Student Government Day is a unique opportunity for students to gain a deeper understanding of how their government works," said Superintendent Michael S. Nelson. "The hands-on nature of the event allows students to speak with representatives, voice their opinions and actively participate in the legislative process. Programs such as this one encourage young people to become active participants in democratic society."

"We are thrilled that Olivia was elected to participate in Student Government Day," said Principal Michael Devoll. "We wish to thank state Rep. Mark Sylvia for taking the time to meet with her. This event offers an exciting experience and provides students with new perspectives on how the government functions. We were proud to have Olivia represent Old Rochester at the State House."

### **Marion Invites Public to First Harbor Management Plan Meeting**

The Town of Marion will host the first public meeting on its Harbor Management Plan on Tuesday, **April 28**, from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm at Marion Music Hall.

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The Town of Marion, with support from the Urban Harbors Institute (UHI) at UMass Boston and the Marine Resources Commission (MRC), has begun developing a Harbor Management Plan that will guide decision-making for Marion's waterways and waterfront over the next decade. The plan is intended to address the future use, protection and management of the Town's harbor and related coastal resources.

Community participation will play an important role in shaping the plan. The process will include several opportunities for residents and stakeholders to offer comments and ideas, so the final plan aligns with the community's priorities and needs.

"This is an important opportunity for our community to help shape the future of our harbor and waterways," said Randy Parker, Chair of the Marion Select Board. "We encourage residents, boaters and stakeholders to stay engaged and share their input as we move through this important plan. I'd like to thank our town employees who are actively involved in this plan, this includes the Marine Resource Commission, for your proactive approach to ensure our waterfront continues to serve the needs of our community."

Additional information about the planning process is available on the UHI website. Questions may also be directed to Shannon Hogan at shannon.hogan@umb.edu.

### **Mattapoisett Rabies Clinic**

The Town of Mattapoisett Natural Resource Department is hosting a Rabies Clinic. The clinic will be held at the Mattapoisett Highway Department, 5 Mendell Road, Mattapoisett, on **April 19** and will run from 10:00 am to 1:00 bpm. Vaccines will be administered by the Mattapoisett Animal Hospital and will cost \$15 cash. The clinic will vaccinate dogs and cats. Rabies certificates will expire after one year unless proof of previous vaccination is presented in person. Dog owners are reminded that all dogs in Massachusetts must be licensed annually, and proof of a current rabies vaccination is required for licensing. For questions, contact the Natural Resources Department at 508-209 - 4931 or email aco@mattapoisettpolice.gov.

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The next meeting is scheduled for **April 16** at 6:00 pm at American Legion Hall Florence Eastman Post 280

on 3 Depot Street. Questions or comments can be emailed to Barbara Gaspar at [theseamstress058@gmail.com](mailto:theseamstress058@gmail.com).

### Celebrate National Poetry Month

Come to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on Wednesday, **April 29** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm for an engaging and informative performance by actor Stephen Collins as he brings poet Robert Frost to life. Collins grew up in Cambridge and received a BA in Literature from UMass Boston. After twenty plus years in a sales career, he is back doing what he truly loves - performing and teaching. Collins has been performing and giving teaching seminars at various venues on literary figures such as Melville, Whitman, Hardy, Shakespeare, Frost, Millay, Yeats, Whistler, and Contemporary Poetry. Described as a hybrid between performance and lecture he has received numerous accolades for his work. The program is free, open to all, and no reservations are necessary.

### Marion Town Meeting Information

The Marion Select Board will hold a Town Meeting Warrant Review at the Marion Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Wednesday, **April 29** beginning at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for residents to ask questions about the Warrant for Annual Town Meeting.

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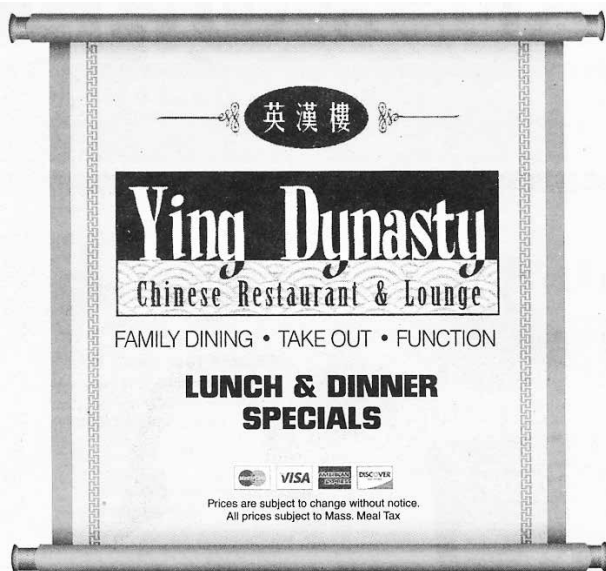
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### Harvard Krokodiloes

The Harvard Krokodiloes, Harvard University's oldest a cappella singing group, will bring their signature blend of musical excellence and humor to the SouthCoast with a special performance at the Old Rochester Regional High School Auditorium on Saturday, **April 25** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

This special event will also highlight a hometown connection: Eddie Gonet, a Fairhaven native and Old Rochester Regional High School alumnus, is a current member of the Harvard Krokodiloes. His return to the ORR stage marks a full-circle moment, showcasing his journey from local student to performer in one of Harvard's most celebrated musical groups.

"We're proud to welcome the Harvard Krokodiloes to ORRHS for a night that celebrates both exceptional talent and the strength of our local community," said Principal Micahel Devoll. "Having Edward Gonet IV return to the stage as one of our Bulldog alums makes this event especially meaningful for our students and families."

The performance will serve as a fundraiser for the Old Rochester Ambassadors, a student organization dedicated to fostering leadership, community engagement, and citizenship among ORRHS students.

Founded in 1946, the Harvard Krokodiloes are renowned for their energetic performances, rich harmonies, and international tours spanning over 20 countries every summer. Their visit to Old Rochester promises an evening of entertainment for all ages, featuring a mix of classic hits, contemporary favorites, and comedic flair.

On his travels to over thirty-five countries, Gonet stated he is "blessed to have spoken with and learned from people of all walks of life and cultures through performances and experiences." Despite all of his travels,

he says, "there's no place like home, performing for my favorite audience of friends, family, and the incredible Southcoast Community." After graduating from Harvard, Gonet will travel on one last world tour before attending Georgetown Law in Washington, D.C.

"Even though they are a world-renowned group, I love how the Krodiloes are still making time to come back to ORR again," said Luke Pierre on behalf of the AmbasadOR Club. "This is a great opportunity to both showcase a world-class singing group and raise money for our school."

Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Ambassadors' programs.

Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. Tickets can be purchased at the door, but please reserve them through this link: [tinyurl.com/kroksorr](http://tinyurl.com/kroksorr).

### Upcoming Events at the Elizabeth Taber Library

Tickets are now available for the Tables of Content annual fundraising event to benefit the Elizabeth Taber Library. On **June 7** from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm join us to enjoy cocktails & dinner waterfront at Tabor Academy with optional book discussion during dessert. Tickets are on sale for \$100. View the list of titles and purchase tickets at [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/event/tables-of-content](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/event/tables-of-content).

On Wednesday, **April 22** at 11:00 am the Readers' Advisory Group will meet for the first time to discuss new reads and popular titles. A great group for readers of all kinds. If you like getting reading recommendations from fellow book lovers, this is a great place to start.

Friday Fiber Arts Club continues to meet weekly on Fridays at 10:30 am. Open to all.

Starting to plan ahead for April Vacation? Keep the Library in mind. We're hosting Little Sparks Theater on Wednesday, **April 22** at 11:00 am for Big Kid Creative Drama - an engaging and highly interactive drama program for kids ages 6-8/grades 1-3. This program requires registration and more information can be found at [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/events)

Join the Elizabeth Taber Library on Wednesday, **May 27** at 1:00 pm for a lively and immersive program



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with Linda Booth Sweeney, author of *The Noisy Puddle*, winner of the Massachusetts Book Awards picture book/early reader category. Designed for young children and their caregivers, this special event blends storytime with hands-on discovery, celebrating the wonder of vernal pools and the living systems they support. The program will begin in the library with a read-aloud of *The Noisy Puddle*, followed by a conversation with the author. Families will then be invited upstairs to the Marion Natural History Museum for guided, hands-on exploration.

This program is sponsored by the Mass Book Awards Speakers Bureau and is presented in collaboration with the Massachusetts Center for the Book.

For more information on the Elizabeth Taber Library visit us at [www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org](http://www.ElizabethTaberLibrary.org) or email the library at [ETLibrary@sailsinc.org](mailto:ETLibrary@sailsinc.org). 8 Spring Street Marion, MA 02738. 508-748-1252.

### Elizabeth Taber Library Seeks Community Feedback

The Elizabeth Taber Library is completing a new strategic plan and wants to hear from community members. The Library's last strategic plan was completed in 2021 and largely responded to the needs of the community identified during COVID.

"Community feedback for our last strategic plan led directly to the library renovation project that was completed in 2025," said Library Director Elizabeth Sherry. "The feedback received on this survey will guide the library's programs, services, collections, and space through 2031."

The brief survey is available at [elizabethtaberlibrary.org/survey](http://elizabethtaberlibrary.org/survey) and will be open through mid-May. Staff can also connect you with the survey in-person at the Library, located at 8 Spring St. in Marion.

"If you don't use the Elizabeth Taber Library, or prefer to use other libraries in the Tri-Town, we'd love to hear from you as well," said Macy Kinney, children's librarian. "We serve the entire community and believe the Library can offer something for everyone. We want to

know what would bring non-users into the Library."

The Elizabeth Taber Library has seen increased circulation, visitation, and program attendance since the completion of the Library's renovation project a year ago. Additionally, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners has compiled data revealing that in times of economic hardship, Library attendance in the state of Massachusetts increases by 32.4% and circulation increases by 12.5%.

"With affordability front and center in local and national conversations, we're looking ahead to see how we can meet the needs of Marion and the Tri-Town in our next strategic plan," said Adult Services Librarian, Emily Newell.

For further information contact Library Director Elizabeth Sherry: [esherry@sailsinc.org](mailto:esherry@sailsinc.org) or 508-748-1252.

### Happenings at the MAC

Lou Schellenberg & Susan Darwin - Gallery Talks. The artists Lou Schellenberg & Susan Darwin will return to the MAC to close their show *Common Waters: Once Removed, Always Returning* with a free Gallery Talk with the Artists: Friday, **April 17** at 4:00 pm. The MAC is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. The show will close thereafter. More information at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

Collective Sightings - Visions of Grace, Harmony and Solitude opens on **April 24**. This exhibition



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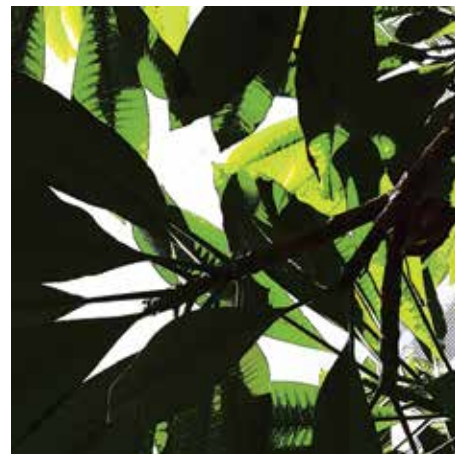
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features the work of re/vision, a peer-to-peer group of photographers including Angela C. Brown, Bill Clark, David DeMelim, Deb Ehrens and Keith Prue.

Exhibition Statement from the Artists: This exhibition presents a collection of work developed individually, and yet collectively. While we each find the process of making art a contemplative and often solitary experience, we are driven by a desire or need to share and connect with the larger world. Our re/vision group acts as a bridge between these two poles of isolation and community, offering a place to share work-in-progress and ideas not yet fully formed without fear. Mutual respect for each member's talents and the trust and familiarity developed over years of working together

provide an added motivation to continue innovating. While our individual practices, styles, and approaches to photography diverge wildly, we are drawn together by our shared desire to keep innovating and reinventing our work and ourselves. The rhythm of that creative connection flows through our varied interpretations of Grace, Harmony, and Solitude.



The exhibition opens on **April 24** with a free reception at the MAC, 80 Pleasant St. Marion from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. The show will run through May 22. For more information go to [marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit](http://marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit).

**Abstract Acrylic Painting Workshop: Spring Florals** - Whether you are just beginning or looking to broaden your experience with acrylics, join us for a one-day workshop on acrylics using spring florals for inspiration. In this class, attendees will create their own daffodil inspired painting (or other floral). Instructor Elyse Laurelle will provide guidance, demonstration, and a finished example while working through the painting process with participants. Elyse will share her techniques and offer advice and feedback to students during the informal session.

The goal of this class is for participants to feel more comfortable working with acrylics and to take home a completed painting of their very own. While the instructor's style and work are the basis for the class, participants will be encouraged to explore their own artistic style with their floral artwork.

The class will be held at the MAC Studio located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion on Saturday, **April 25**, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$55 for MAC Members and

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\$65 for Nonmembers. All materials will be provided, but participants are encouraged to bring any acrylic painting supplies they have on hand. More information and registration at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

## From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

One of the reasons that Rochester has been able to retain so much of its rural feel is the generosity of long-time families who have worked to preserve land accumulated over the years to be used for farming and for the trees and water needed for mills.

Previously, mentioned were George and Katherine Church's generous preservation of land by selling it for well under market value to protect it from development. George also attempted to preserve the history of Rochester's sawmill industry with a museum he wanted to be available for viewing.

Another family, the Rounsevilles, who took up residence in Rochester in the 1860's, has done much to preserve their land as open space. In 1992, Winifred Rounseville donated 38 acres of woodland to the Wildlands Trust of Southeastern Massachusetts. Two years later, she again bequeathed 48 acres behind the Rochester Center ballfield, which bears the name of Rounseville Field, to the Wildlands Trust. That same year, she permanently restricted from development their large cornfield across from the family homestead on



Rounseville Rd.

In 1999, the Rounseville family sold over 150 acres in the Haskell Swamp to the State Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and in 2001, they sold 6.7 acres of riverfront to Rochester's Conservation Commission to be used as a wildlife sanctuary and canoe launch. Again, all of these sales are at prices thousands if not millions below what developers would pay.

The family's generosity that began with Winifred was continued by her children who have worked with the Coalition of Buzzards Bay and the Rochester Land Trust to protect most of their historic property. With this

land conservation, we all benefit both from the enjoyment of woodlands and open spaces, as well as the aquifer protection of the Mattapoisett River Valley due to the preservation of more than 2.6 miles of river shoreline.

## Adult and Teen Events at the Mattapoisett Library

Did you know April is "Financial Literacy Month"? On Saturday, **April 18**, at 1:00 pm, the Mattapoisett Library will host an Economic Empowerment Hour. Teens can learn essential skills like understanding credit and how to write a check. No registration required.

Join Ruth Bader Ginsburg at the Mattapoisett Library on Sunday, **April 19**, at 2:00 pm. Sheryl Faye will portray the late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court in her one-woman show. All adults are welcome. No registration required.

Our Sunday Book Club meets on **April 19** at 2:00 pm. They are reading *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman. Copies are available at the library. Contact Librarian Robbin Smith with questions at [rsmith@sailsinc.org](mailto:rsmith@sailsinc.org).

Join our next Board Game Club on Tuesday, **April 21**, at 6:00 pm. Come with friends and family or drop by solo to have some table-top fun. Bring your own games or play some of ours. No registration required.

In honor of America's 250th year, teens and young adults are invited to join us for a screening of the award-winning musical, *Hamilton*, on Wednesday, **April 22** at 1:00 pm. No registration required and free snacks.

The Well-Read Wednesdays Nonfiction Book Group meets on **April 22** at 6:00 pm. This month's book is *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures in North America* by Colin Woodard. Copies will be available at the library. New members welcome. No registration required.

Escape from the terrible thicket by mixing potions and translating fairy messages to find your way out. This dynamic escape room event is on Friday, **April 24** at 11:00 am for families and 1:00 pm for teens. Space is limited. Registration is required. This program is supported by a grant from the Mattapoisett Cultural Council, a local agency, which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

We're celebrating "Financial Literacy Month" on Tuesday, **April 28** at 6:00 pm. They're hosting an Economic Empowerment Hour featuring resources and tips to help adult patrons aged 18+ take control of their financial futures. No registration required.

As always, our programs and events are free and open to everyone. For more information, please visit us at 7 Barstow Street, online at [www.mattapoisettlibrary.org](http://www.mattapoisettlibrary.org), or call the library at 508-758-4171.

## The Wonderful World of Warblers

Discover the wonderful world of warblers on

Wednesday, **April 22** at 6:00 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library, 7 Barstow Street. Warblers are among the most beautiful birds but also challenging to identify. We'll explore the fascinating world of these tiny migrants, from their amazing colors to their complex songs, behaviors, and habitats.

Learn practical tips for identifying warblers in the field, including how to recognize key visual field marks, understand habitat preferences, and distinguish similar-looking species. We'll also dive into the art of birding by ear, helping you decode their songs.

Go to [www.nbcbirdcom.com](http://www.nbcbirdcom.com) to see all upcoming bird walks. All events are free and open to the public. Please register for a bird walk by emailing [jmbarrett426@gmail.com](mailto:jmbarrett426@gmail.com) or calling 774-207-8515 Justin Barrett.

### **Mattapoisett Woman's Club Community Tag Sale**

Bargain hunters and community members alike are invited to attend the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Tag Sale on Saturday, **May 2**, from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. The event will take place at Reynard Hall, located within the Congregational Church in Mattapoisett.

Browse our many tables filled with fun and amazing items you're unlikely to find anywhere else. Proceeds from the tag sale benefit the Mattapoisett Woman's Club Scholarship Fund. Cash or check is preferred and no early birds, please.

The Mattapoisett Woman's Club is a civic, social, educational and philanthropic organization. Membership is always open to local women who are interested in the objectives and mission of the organization. For more information or questions please contact [info@mattapoisettwomensclub.org](mailto:info@mattapoisettwomensclub.org).

### **Mattapoisett Democrats Candidates' Night**

On Wednesday **April 29** from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, the Mattapoisett Democratic Town Committee will host a Candidates' Night in the downstairs public meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

All candidates for any elected position in our upcoming Municipal Election on May 19, 2026, will be extended an invitation and provided an opportunity to give a brief opening statement to the public and answer questions of attendees.

The uncontested race candidates (Mattapoisett School Committee, ORR School Committee, etc.) will proceed first and then the contested races for the Select Board, Library Board of Trustees, and Board of Health will be the last of our presentation.

Please come with a neighbor, family member or friend and bring any questions you might have for the candidates or just listen in. For more information, please reach out to William Morse, Chair, [mattapoisetttdtc@gmail.com](mailto:mattapoisetttdtc@gmail.com).

### **Cushing Cemetery Meeting**

Cushing Cemetery is holding a meeting on **April 18** at 10:00 am downstairs in the conference room at the town library. All Board members and Trustees are asked to attend. This meeting is opened to the public. Hope to see you there.

### **Marion Democratic Town Committee Sponsors ORR Essay Contest**

ORR juniors and seniors have been invited to enter an essay contest addressing "What Is Democracy?" for three cash prizes. The contest, which is sponsored by the Marion Democratic Town Committee (MDTC), is under the guidance of ORR social studies teacher Dr. Erich Carroll. The students are required to cite one primary source and two secondary sources and include a bibliography. Essays must be submitted by **April 17**. Winners will be announced by the end of April.

The essay contest will be one agenda item at the monthly meeting of the MDTC at 5:30 pm, **April 16**, in the Community Room of the Marion Police Station. Among other discussion items will be the group's plans for their annual Damien's Food Pantry drive. All Marion Democrats are welcome to attend.

### **Marion Candidates' Night**

The League of Women Voters of the South Coast invites you to Candidates' Night on Thursday, **April 23**, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Multipurpose Room at Sippican School. Please plan to arrive by 6:45 pm and kindly leave all campaign materials outside the school. Attorney Jack Eklund will serve as the moderator.

All candidates for Town Offices have been invited. The evening will feature two engaging components:

Meeting the Candidates: Unopposed candidates will have five minutes to introduce themselves. This is a chance to clearly present qualifications, explain suitability for the role, and demonstrate understanding of the position's responsibilities. Please note audience questions will not be included in this portion.

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7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
8:30 AM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty  
9:30 AM Mattapoisett Woman's Club Speaker Series - Alfred H. Saulniers  
10:00 AM Rochester Historical Society - Historical Maps of Rochester  
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition  
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
1:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
2:00 PM The Collective Chat  
2:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
3:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced  
4:30 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe  
8:00 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs! with David Green  
9:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Sea Turtles in Massachusetts  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Friday April 17, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM Southcoast Matters  
11:00 AM Marion Art Center - Being Seen Exhibition

11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
3:30 PM The Collective Chat  
3:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
3:30 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty  
5:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn  
6:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech  
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
9:00 PM A Conversation With...  
9:30 PM Fur, Fins and Feathers  
10:00 PM For Your Health  
10:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Saturday April 18, 2026

6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival  
10:30 AM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
11:00 AM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary  
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie  
2:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
3:00 PM The Collective Chat  
3:30 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
4:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Diane Lopes Flaherty  
5:00 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced  
6:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Native American Archaeological Studies  
7:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
8:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
8:30 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
9:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 PM A Conversation with...  
10:00 PM Beacon Hill Report

10:30 PM Gay USA

11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday April 19, 2026

7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church  
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester  
10:00 AM St Gabriel's Church  
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
1:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
2:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford  
5:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center  
6:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Cathedral  
8:00 PM ORR Boys Basketball vs Auburn  
9:30 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs Whittier Regional Voc Tech  
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday April 20, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow Today  
8:30 AM Deutsche Welle - Global US  
9:00 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:30 AM Miss New Bedford  
11:00 AM For Your Health  
11:30 AM Tabor Academy Sesquicentennial Documentary  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Beacon Hill Report  
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters  
2:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
3:00 PM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
3:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show

4:30 PM The Human Truth  
5:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band  
6:30 PM Sidewalks Entertainment  
7:00 PM Marion Veg - with Barbie Burr and Brooke Johnson  
7:30 PM Sippican Historical Society - Fleeced  
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern Mass  
9:30 PM The Collective Chat  
10:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
10:30 PM AMC Outdoor Journey Fund  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Tuesday April 21, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape  
8:00 AM For Your Health  
8:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
9:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club  
10:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartooning  
10:30 AM The Collective Chat  
11:00 AM The Jeannine Hunt Experience  
11:30 AM In the Toy Box  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Point Road Park Renaming Ceremony  
1:30 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre  
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today  
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx  
3:30 PM Two Grannies on the Road  
4:30 PM Teach Your Home Energy Costs!  
6:00 PM Putnam Murdock Concert at the Marion Art Center  
8:00 PM The Beacon Hill Report  
8:30 PM Pete on the Street  
9:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show  
10:00 PM Gay USA  
11:00 PM Classic Movie

Wednesday April 22, 2026

7:00 AM Seniorize  
7:30 AM Deutsche Welle - In Good Shape

8:00 AM Cape Conversations  
8:30 AM For Your Health  
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road  
10:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment  
10:30 AM Paltrowitz with Darren Paltrowitz  
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church  
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?  
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline  
1:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV  
1:30 PM Money Matters  
2:00 PM A Conversation With...  
3:00 PM Lunenburg Police Recover Money From Bitcoin Scam  
3:30 PM The Mattapoisett Rail Trail  
4:00 PM Miss New Bedford Insider  
4:30 PM Reeling - The Movie Review Show  
5:00 PM Marion Art Center  
5:30 PM Building the Future  
6:00 PM Pete on the Street  
6:30 PM World Fusion Show  
7:00 PM Tri-County Symphonic Band - Gustav Holst  
8:30 PM Teach your Home Energy Costs! With David Green  
9:45 PM Mattapoisett Women's Club Speaker Series - Jack Matthews  
10:30 PM Classic Movies

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7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen  
8:30 AM Marion Conservation Commission  
10:00 AM Marion Water and Sewer Regulations Review Committee  
10:30 AM Marion Planning Board  
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals  
12:00 PM Marion Marine Resources  
2:00 PM Marion Finance Committee  
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health  
4:45 PM Marion Special Town Meeting  
5:00 PM Marion School Committee Budget Hearing  
5:40 PM Marion School Committee  
6:30 PM ORR School Committee Budget Hearing  
9:00 PM Marion Stewards of Community Open Space  
10:00 PM Marion Board of Selectmen

## ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 40

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Rochester Select Board  
9:30 AM Rochester Conservation Commission  
10:30 AM Rochester Select Board and RMS School Committee  
12:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeals  
2:00 PM Rochester Conservation Commission  
4:00 PM Rochester School Committee Budget Hearing  
5:30 PM Rochester School Committee  
6:30 PM Rochester Select and Finance Joint Meeting  
8:00 PM Rochester Planning Board  
11:00 PM Rochester Select and RMS School Committee

## EDUCATION CHANNEL

### Comcast Channel 8

### Verizon Channel 37

### Daily Schedule

7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly  
7:30 AM Bulldog Sports  
8:00 AM ORR School Committee  
9:30 AM ORR School Committee Budget Hearing  
10:30 AM ORR/JHS Winter Concert  
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
1:00 PM ORR Girls Basketball vs New Bedford  
2:30 PM ORR Spring Convert  
4:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Bourne  
5:00 PM ORR Promenade  
5:30 PM ORR Hall of Fame - Buddy Thomas  
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly  
7:00 PM MIAA D3 ORR Basketball vs Norwell  
8:30 PM ORR Volleyball vs Bourne  
9:30 PM ORR Theater Class  
11:00 PM ORR Student vs Staff Basketball Game

## MATTAPOISETT GOVERNMENT

### Comcast Channel 26

### Verizon Channel 38

## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis





begin with a two-minute opening statement outlining their qualifications and perspectives. The forum will follow League of Women Voters guidelines, including no “empty chair” or proxy representation. Audience members will have the opportunity to submit written questions for these candidates, encouraging thoughtful discussion on key issues.

To confirm your participation, please email Chair Eileen J. Marum at [u\\_emarum@umassd.edu](mailto:u_emarum@umassd.edu) by Friday, April 17. Your timely response is greatly appreciated and helps ensure a well-organized and productive event.

The League of Women Voters and its Education Fund are strictly nonpartisan and do not support or oppose any political party or candidate.

We look forward to an informative and engaging evening of civic dialogue.

### Earth Day Clean Up

The Rochester Women’s Club will hold an Earth Day Clean Up on **April 25** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Pick up your garbage bags and gloves at the Rochester Women’s Club, 37 Marion Road, Rochester and name the street or place where you are cleaning up trash.

### MLT Spring Break Activities

The Mattapoisett Land Trust has announced its schedule of Staycation Family Activities for the upcoming school break during the week of April 19 to April 25. All activities are free of charge and offer local families an opportunity to explore MLT properties and connect with nature. To find Staycation Family Activities, visit the MLT website [mattlandtrust.org](http://mattlandtrust.org) and explore the Family Activities link on the left side of the page.

Starry Night is an opportunity for people of all ages to gaze at the night sky on the evening of Sunday, **April 19**, 8:00 pm to 9:30 pm at Grace Meadow-Santos Farm Preserve located off Aucoot Road at the end of Bowman Road in the eastern part of Mattapoisett. This evening will provide opportunities to observe a crescent Moon, Jupiter, Venus, and possibly a comet. The event will feature speakers and telescopes provided by guest astronomers from Skyscrapers, Inc. Amateur Astronomical Society of Rhode Island. There will be cocoa and crafts for children. Plenty of parking will be available near 15 Bowman Road. Arrive as early as 7:30 pm for parking, crafts, and to watch setup. In the event of cancelation, a weather notice will be posted on the MLT website by 5:00 pm.

Throughout the week families can enjoy nature-themed Scavenger Hunts at three MLT properties: Munn Preserve on Mattapoisett Neck Road near the stone pillars demarking the Antassawamock private community, Dexter (Tub) Mill Park, and Dunseith Gardens. Our new Scavenger Hunts have a list of items to find, and individual finds can be documented with photos. Scavenger Hunt Guides may be downloaded for:

Dunseith Gardens at [bit.ly/Dunseith\\_spring](http://bit.ly/Dunseith_spring).  
Dexter (Tub) Mill at [bit.ly/DexterMill\\_spring](http://bit.ly/DexterMill_spring).  
Munn Preserve at [bit.ly/munn\\_spring](http://bit.ly/munn_spring).

Participants are encouraged to take a picture of those items they find interesting and send photos to [photos@landtrust.org](mailto:photos@landtrust.org).

Storywalks are available throughout the week at Grace Meadow and Dunseith Gardens. Nature Bingo Cards are available for Betsey’s Meadow [bit.ly/bingo\\_betseysmeadow](http://bit.ly/bingo_betseysmeadow) and Munro Preserve.

On Tuesday, **April 21**, 10:00 am to 11:00 am, young children are invited to Wiggle Worm Story Time. at Dunseith Gardens to hear “Carl and the Meaning of Life” and other stories. Readings by MLT members Jocelyn Mitchell Chin and Bethany Couto will be followed by a walk to observe signs of spring, find some worms, and plant a marigold to bring home.

On Saturday, **April 25**, at 1:00 pm, Gary Johnson will conduct a Vernal Pool Walk at the Woodcock Preserve. This mature forest, located near 32 Long Plain Road, is home to one of the largest vernal pools in the area. Off-street parking is available in the area marked with a Buzzards Bay Coalition/Mattapoisett Land Trust sign. For a map of this location, please go to: [bit.ly/woodcockmap\\_MLT](http://bit.ly/woodcockmap_MLT).

The MLT is pleased to be partnering with the Mattapoisett Free Public Library on these projects. Themed MOBY backpacks, designed for many different

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It’s better to have well-thought-out options in front of us than to react after the fact. I’m not running as part of a party—just to serve the people of Mattapoisett with steady, accountable leadership.

Paid for by Eric Beauregard  
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# TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



*Reaching for spring on Pine Island Road. Photo by Ruth A Griffin*



*Photo by Jennifer Shepley*



*The Mattapoisett Congregational Church was getting a new coat of paint on Tuesday evening. It was finally a day with some great weather. Photo by Sam Bishop*



*Daybreak at the point. Photo by Amy Laurendeau*



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nature adventures, are available in the library's Children's Department. Brochures, Scavenger Hunts, maps, and MLT Trail Passports can be picked up at the library also. Books about trails, trees, animals, and birds as well as trekking poles, binoculars, telescopes, gardening supplies, GoPro Hero 7 camera kit, and more items are available at the library to check out. For more information, see: [mattapoisettlibrary.org/explore-the-outdoors](http://mattapoisettlibrary.org/explore-the-outdoors).

### The Noah Curtis Greany Foundation

The Noah Curtis Greany foundation is launching their first scholarship awards for the graduating class of 2026. This scholarship honors the life and spirit of Noah Curtis Greany - a humble, kind, and inspiring young man



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# OBITUARIES



**Daniel R. Schwartz**, age 80, of Dartmouth, passed away on Thursday, April 9, 2026, at Sippican Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in Marion. He was the loving husband of Kate Rose.

Born in New Bedford, he was the son of the late Herman and Mary (Blum) Schwartz. He attended Betsey B. Winslow Elementary School, New Bedford High School, and graduated from Dartmouth High School. He went on to study at Chamberlain College in Boston, the University of Baltimore, and the New England School of Acupuncture.

Dan was a dedicated acupuncturist for 38 years, maintaining his own practice, The Acupuncture Clinic of Daniel Schwartz. In addition to acupuncture, he was also an herbalist and practitioner of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM), bringing a holistic and deeply thoughtful approach to healing. He cared deeply for his patients and their well-being, forming lasting connections with many of those he treated. He remained connected to the field throughout his life and later served on the Board of Trustees of the New England School of Acupuncture.

In addition to his work in healing, Dan was a lifelong musician and accomplished percussionist, performing for over 50 years with numerous bands and ensembles throughout the South Coast and beyond. Known affectionately as "Dr. D," a nickname earned not from his holistic work but from his role as "the rhythm doctor", he had an amazing ability to shape and elevate the sound of any group he played with. He performed with many groups over the years, including Bobby Green & Coleus, The Whaling City Sound Super Band, the Stan Strickland Band, the Joel Hiller Band, The Nelson Brothers, Shaman John Meyerson, The Dori Rubicco & Butch McCarthy Band, Armistead Christian & Peaceful Flight, Dori Rubicco & Chris Richards, the Neil McCarthy Band, The Unitarian Church Bobby Greene Ensemble, The Corner Temple Choir with John Harrison, The Tifereth Israel Band, Olamot, where he performed alongside his sister, Jessica Schwartz, and many others. He also toured Cape Verde with the New England Cape Verde All-Star Review, and more recently performed with Last Day on Earth, the Southcoast Jazz Orchestra, and the Southcoast Brass Band.

Dan was known not only for his extraordinary musical ability, but for the spirit he brought to every performance. A deeply intuitive and versatile percussionist, he had a rare gift for listening and responding in the moment, blending seamlessly across styles and lifting the musicians around him. He approached music with humility and joy, always crediting others and remaining a lifelong student of his craft. Those who played with him knew his presence made the music more alive and connected.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister, Jessica Schwartz, daughter Rebecca McDonald and her hus-

band, Jeremy; grandchildren Carson and Marlee McDonald and Damien Montague; his stepson, Eoghan McDonagh; his stepdaughter, Nicole Montague; his son-in-law James Montague III, and his former spouse, Joyce Schwartz.

A funeral service was held on Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Tifereth Israel Congregation, 145 Brownell Avenue, New Bedford, with interment following at Plainville Cemetery, 1400 Old Plainville Road, New Bedford. For those unable to attend in person, the service was available via Zoom.

Shiva was observed on Monday, April 13, and Tuesday, April 14. Family attended Mincha services at Tifereth Israel Congregation, with shiva continuing following services in the small social hall.

Arrangements are in the care of Sugarman-Sinai Memorial Chapel, Providence. For condolences, please visit [www.sugarmansinai.com](http://www.sugarmansinai.com).



**Leo Joseph Kobs**, 76, of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on April 9, 2026, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He was the husband of Sheila (Scanlon) Kobs.

Leo was born on May 13, 1949, in Boston to his parents Anna (Collins) Kobs and Frederick Kobs. Originally from South Boston, the Kobs family moved to Canton when Leo was 7 years old to the home his father built on Bolivar St. During his youth, Leo was an avid swimmer and member of the Canton High swim team; he often fondly reminisced his parents taking him for a celebratory pizza at Denneno's after a winning meet. After high school, Leo attended Clemson University and later Bridgewater State College where he earned his bachelor's degree.

As an adult, Leo's drive and independence led him to establish Kobs Alarm and Electrical, a business he successfully operated for 46 years, retiring in 2023. He was also an active member of the Easton Lions Club for many years, during which time he served as President and was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award for his service.

Never one to sit still for long, Leo was both an avid skier and traveler, having enjoyed trips to Bermuda, Europe and many other destinations with his wife Sheila and his children. Leo and Sheila's fondness for the ocean drew them to their home in Mattapoisett, where they have spent the last 20 years hosting family and friends.

Leo is survived by his wife, Sheila; his children, Lauren Kobs and her partner John of South Easton, Daniel Corbett and his partner Christine of Brighton, Sara Lucas and her husband Stephen of Mattapoisett, and Bridget Philips and her husband Ted of Sharon; his siblings, Paula Berteletti and Frederick Kobs Jr. and his wife Nancy of Canton; his granddaughters, Meagan, Lyndsey, Madison and Avery; and many nieces and nephews.

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whose joy for life and infectious optimism made everyone around him feel seen, valued and loved. Through support for youth sports programs, educational scholarships, and cancer research, driven by Noah's childhood dream to cure cancer, the foundation wants to carry forward his legacy of kindness, joy, and the belief that every person matters. This scholarship seeks to recognize graduating high school seniors who embody these same qualities through their character, actions and impact on others. There will be five awards of \$2,000 each. The application deadline is **May 1**.

Applicants must align with one of the following criteria. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior from the Tri-Town of Marion, Mattapoisett or Rochester who attends any surrounding high school. Applicants may be graduating high school seniors from Tabor Academy. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior from Boston Collegiate Charter School, Community Academy of Science and Health or Dr. Albert D. Holland School of Technology. Applicants may be a graduating high school senior attending Northeastern University from the Tri-Town or any South Boston/ Dorchester High School. All applicants must be pursuing post-secondary education including college, university, trade school or other accredited programs.

More details about the application and submission instructions can be found at [thencgfoundation.org](http://thencgfoundation.org).

### ArtWeek SouthCoast at the MAC

ArtWeek SouthCoast returns to the Marion Art Center (the MAC) with six events during the regional festival scheduled **May 8 to May 17**. ArtWeek SouthCoast celebrates the arts by connecting innovative, creative, and affordable art and cultural events in communities across the region, from Fall River to Wareham. The MAC's ArtWeek SouthCoast events are hands-on, interactive, and offered at low cost or for free. View all ArtWeek at the MAC events at [marionartcenter.org/artweek](http://marionartcenter.org/artweek).

MTPI Presents "The Attorney-in-Fact" - MAC Theater Playwrights Incubator presents The Attorney-in-Fact, an original play by Philip Ardell, directed by

Tony Ferreira, with support from WatermelonAlligator Theater Company. The MTPI program mentors emerging playwrights through the completion of their play. Mentors for the 2025-2026 MTPI season are Tony Ferreira and Harvey Ussach.

Familiar themes emerge in this story about 82-year-old Milt and his son Tommy: relationships between aging parents and their adult children, navigating medical systems, and discovering new, unexpected ways to rely on others.

Following each performance, there will be a talkback with the playwright, creative team, and cast. Performances are on Friday, **May 8**, 7:30 pm, Saturday, **May 9**, 7:30 pm and Sunday, **May 10**, 2:00 pm in the MAC Theater at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Tickets are \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Tickets can be purchased at [marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek](http://marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek).

Spin Into Spring. Community Bike Tune-up - Is your bike ready for the Tour de Crème or even just an enjoyable summer of getting back and forth to Silvershell Beach? If it needs a little attention after the long winter, bring it to the MAC.

On Saturday, **May 9** between 9:30 am to 12:00 pm, we'll have experts on hand who can look your bike over and give it some TLC in the form of a brake adjustment, chain lubrication or – in the event of more serious issues – provide advice about repairs that should be addressed before hitting the road. Free, but advance booking is

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suggested as the event fills up fast. Held at the MAC - 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Book at [marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek](http://marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek).

**Improv Workshop with Garrett Olson & Jess Wilson** - Discover the art of improvisation in this fun, beginner-friendly course, exploring games and exercises in awareness, voice, movement, and the senses. Come ready to move, play, and ask questions—because in improv, anything can happen.

The class is held on Wednesday, **May 13**, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Register at [marionartcenter.org](http://marionartcenter.org).

org/ArtWeek. The cost for MAC Members is \$25 and for nonmembers, \$30.

Unplugged in the MAC Gallery with Matt Richard & Paul Del Nero - Experience an intimate concert in our upstairs gallery at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Featured artists include Paul Del Nero on bass and Matt Richard on piano. Find a spot at a cabaret table to listen to a mix of jazz standards and original compositions by both artists. Guests will enjoy a refreshing setting at this "unplugged" performance featuring mainly acoustic sound. There are two one-hour shows - one at 7:00 pm and one at 8:30 pm on Friday, **May 15**. Tickets are \$15

## OBITUARIES

He was predeceased by his parents Anna and Frederick, his brother-in-law Michael Berteletti, and his beloved dogs Fluffy, Moxie and Chocolate Chip.

To honor Leo's final wishes, services will be private. For online guestbook, visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com).



**Richard G. Bellefeuille**, 79, of Mattapoisett, passed away peacefully after a brief illness on Saturday, April 11, 2026. He was the husband of Diane (Arruda) Bellefeuille for 58 years.

Born in Acushnet, son of the late Gaston and Therese (Benoit) Bellefeuille, he lived in Fairhaven before moving to Mattapoisett in 1979.

Rick enjoyed practicing his photography at Ned's Point and while watching his grandchildren play sports. His hobbies included GMRS Radio, geocaching, and sailing. When not traveling with his wife, he could be found working on the yard and burning brush. He loved seeing his grandchildren compete in sports and perform for school events.

Richie was a 1964 graduate of Fairhaven High School, and later received his Business degree from UMass Dartmouth. He worked for Revere Copper for 41 years before retiring as a Water Treatment Technician.

Richard served proudly in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and earned his Marksman Badge on the M-14. For over 20 years he volunteered to place flags at veteran graves with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Diane; his children, Michael Bellefeuille and his wife Lori of Florida, James Bellefeuille of Virginia, Steven Bellefeuille and his wife Rebecca of Rochester, and "Son #4" Thomas J. Simpson of Mattapoisett; his brother, Alan Bellefeuille and his wife Claudia; his sister Anne Delaney; his grandchildren, Holden, Kyra, Noah, Olivia, Zachary, Nicholas, and Emily Bellefeuille; and several nieces, nephews, and many cousins.

The family would like to thank Community Nurse and Care with Love, as well as the personal care aides who provided him with excellent care during his illness.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to Commu-

nity Nurse, 62 Center St., Fairhaven, MA 02719

Richie's Funeral Service will be held on Friday, April 17, 2026 at 12 Noon in the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery at 1:30 pm. Visiting hours will be held Thursday from 4-7 pm. For online guestbook, please visit [www.saundersdwyer.com](http://www.saundersdwyer.com)



**Donald George**, 88, of Rochester, passed away on April 12, 2026, at Royal of Fairhaven Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Fairhaven. He was the husband of the late Margaret M. (Fournier) George. They were married for 54 years. He was the son of the late Howard P. and Marie Louise (Jordana) George.

He was born in New Bedford and lived in Rochester all his life. He attended the Waterman School.

Mr. George worked at the Rochester Landfill for many years before retiring.

He was a volunteer for the Rochester Fire Department, a member of the Rochester Men's Brotherhood, the Grounds Observers Corps, Wareham Kiwanis, and the Rochester Council on Aging Board of Directors.

Survivors include his sister, Annette Gartner of Iowa; 4 grandchildren, Courtney Gurll of Arlington, Joshua Gurll of Manchester, NH, Patrick Gurll of Seabring, FL, and Jeremy Lindsay of Wareham; 3 nieces, Barbara Erickson of Middleboro, Heidi Fredette of Lexington, SC, Sue Hartman of Wisconsin; 3 nephews, Michael Akins of Bourne, John Temporarily of GA and Thomas Hartman of Wisconsin. He was the father of the late Deborah George and uncle of the late Daniel Akins.

His graveside service will be held at 11:00 am on Monday, April 20, 2026 at Rochester Center Cemetery, Dexter Ln., Rochester.

*If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at [office@wanderer.com](mailto:office@wanderer.com).*



for MAC members and \$20 for nonmembers. Seats are limited and sell out quickly. They can be purchased at [marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek](http://marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek).

Poetry Reading and Tea with Ann E. Wallace and Elizabeth Sylvia: Join poets Ann E. Wallace and Elizabeth Sylvia for a reading of their new collections, where home, garden, and the natural world illuminate resilience, grief, and renewal. From intimate domestic spaces to verdant gardens across time and place, their work offers insight, tenderness, and the quiet power of nature. Coffee, tea, and sweets will be provided.

The event is on **May 16**, at 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. It is free, but registration is recommended. Read more about the poets and register at [marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek](http://marionartcenter.org/ArtWeek). It will be held in the MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion.

Paint & Sip Workshop with artist Barbara Healy - This popular annual event returns on Saturday, **May 16** between 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm on the MAC lawn at 80 Pleasant Street, Marion. Learn the basics of painting with acrylics and taste some great wines for spring in this fun workshop with artist Barbara Healy. The cost is \$40 for MAC members and \$45 for nonmembers, and one must be at least 21 to register. All materials will be provided. Register online at [marionartcenter.org/artweek](http://marionartcenter.org/artweek).

### **Mattapoisett Road Race College Stipends**

July 4 will be here before we know it and so

will the 54th running of the Mattapoisett Road Race, "4 on the 4th." Begun in 1971 by Bob and Doris Gardner, 15 runners raced from Point Connett to Shipyard Park. Since then, the route has changed a few times, and now, over 1000 runners start at Shipyard Park, run through the village and around Ned's Point Lighthouse, and finish at Shipyard Park. Townspeople line the course and cheer on their friends and family.

Proceeds from the race are used to fund awards for college-bound senior athletes from Old Rochester Regional High School. Over the years, more than \$200,000 has been given to deserving students. The online application can be accessed via a QR code available at the high school guidance office. The application deadline is **May 18**.

### **Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship**

The Sippican Lands Trust seeks applicants for its Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship. The applicant for this \$2,000 award must be a Marion resident in their last year of high school or enrolled as a freshman or sophomore in college elsewhere. This award may be given to the same recipient at a maximum of two (2) times. The following schools will be notified: Bishop Stang High School, Old Rochester Regional High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Bristol County Agricultural High School, and Tabor Academy. A

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The scholarship is made available through the Sippican Lands Trust Scholarship Fund. This award was created and named after Richard I. "Dick" (1933-2018) and Helen Adams Arthur (1940-2008), who were beloved residents of Marion and long-time volunteers for the organization. Dick and Helen held a deep interest in the preservation of the beautiful open spaces in Marion.

SLT's Scholarship Committee will review all completed applications and will award the scholarship to the student(s) whose pursuits most closely reflect Dick and Helen's wishes, as mirrored by the mission of Sippican Lands Trust: to acquire, preserve, and provide access to open space throughout Marion for the benefit of the public today and for future generations.

Requirements for the application include:

-A completed Richard I. and Helen A. Arthur Scholarship information sheet

-A personal statement highlighting the applicant's educational goals and interests. Please include information about environmental course(s) taken, community service completed, volunteer involvement, or jobs held, as applicable.

-Two letters of reference with contact information

(examples: teacher, guidance counselor, coach, employer, Scout leader, community leader, etc.).

All forms will be available in guidance offices and on the SLT website at [www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship](http://www.sippicanlandstrust.org/scholarship). Completed applications should be postmarked by **May 1** to be considered. Please mail to: Sippican Lands Trust, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 848, Marion, MA 02738.

All applicants will be notified of their status by email by June 1.

For more information, contact the Sippican Lands Trust at 508-748-3080 or [info@sippicanlandstrust.org](mailto:info@sippicanlandstrust.org). Please note that volunteer opportunities are available at the Sippican Lands Trust.

### Ruta Sepetys to Speak in Mattapoisett

The Mattapoisett Free Public Library will welcome international bestselling author Ruta Sepetys for a special keynote event on Thursday, **June 11** at 6:00 pm at the historic Mattapoisett Congregational Church.

Sepetys, acclaimed author of *Salt to the Sea* and other internationally recognized works of historical fiction, will speak about her writing, research process, and her highly anticipated new novel, *A Fortune of Sand*.

To celebrate the occasion, the first 100 registered attendees will receive a free copy of *A Fortune of Sand*.

## TRI-TOWN POLICE LOGS



### MARION

#### Log highlights April 5 – April 11

- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Indian Cove Rd – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – Officer wanted
- Wareham Rd – Officer wanted
- South St – MV collision
- Creek Rd – MV complaint
- Main St – Health/welfare
- Lady Slipper Rd – EMS/medical
- Converse Rd – General offense
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Mill St – Officer wanted
- Mill St – General service
- Spring St – Larceny/past
- Spring St – Follow up investigation
- Wareham Rd – Paper service
- Spring St – MV stop
- Main St – EMS/medical
- Cottage St – EMS/medical
- Rocky Knoll Ln – Suspicious MV
- Piney Point Rd – Fraud
- Front St – General service
- Ridgewood Ln – Suspicious MV
- Wareham Rd – Health/welfare
- Mill St – Lost property
- Olde Knoll Rd – Animal control
- Mill St – Larceny/past
- Front St – Noise complaint
- Pleasant St – General service

### MATTAPOISETT

#### Log highlights April 5 – April 11

- Marion Rd – Assist other agency
- 195 East – MV violations
- Acushnet Rd – Medical assist
- North St – Animal control
- Barstow St – Community service
- County Rd – MV crash
- Wildwood Ter – Medical assist
- Oakland St – Missing person
- Reservation Rd – General service
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- 195 East – MV violations
- Jane Ln – 911 call
- Church St – Assist other agency
- Main St – MV violations
- Church St Ext – MV violations
- Mulberry Dr – Assist citizen
- Mulberry Dr – Animal control
- Wildwood Ter – Medical alarm
- Beacon St – Health/welfare
- County Rd – Crisis intervention
- Angelica Ave – General service
- Maplewood St – Suspicious MV
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Mattapoisett Neck Rd – MV crash
- Pico Beach Rd – Ambulance request
- Railroad Ave – Parking complaint
- Church St – Assist other agency
- Holly Woods Rd – Brush fire
- North St – Assist citizen

### ROCHESTER

#### Log highlights April 5 – April 11

- Stuart Rd – 911 call
- Pierce St – Road hazard
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Hartley Rd – Animal control
- Bennett Rd – 911 call
- Marion Rd – Animal control
- Rounseville Rd – Assist other agency
- Clapp Rd – MV collision
- Featherbed Ln – Erratic MV
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/arrest
- Dexter Ln – Missing person
- Ryder Rd – Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – Suspicious activity
- Dexter Ln – Follow up
- Braley Hill Rd – MV collision
- Forbes Rd – MV lockout
- Snipatuit Rd – Threats
- Marys Pond Rd – Outside investigation
- County Rd – Assist other agency
- New Bedford Rd – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – Follow up
- Snipatuit Rd – Suspicious activity
- High St – Message delivery
- Alley Rd – Outside fire
- Forster Rd – Suspicious activity/arrest
- North Ave – Animal rescue
- Kings Hwy – General service
- Cranberry Hwy – 911 call
- Hartley Rd – Follow up

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit [www.Wanderer.com](http://www.Wanderer.com).

Registration is not required to attend the event but is required to be eligible for a free book. Books will be distributed at the event while supplies last, and attendees must be present to receive a copy.

This special evening will take place at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, allowing the library to welcome a larger audience for what is expected to be a well-attended community event.

The program is free and open to all. Seating is first come, first served.

For more information and to register, visit: [mattapoisettlibrary.org](http://mattapoisettlibrary.org).

### **Lisa Regan Durr Community Activism Scholarship Fund**

Tri-Town Against Racism (TTAR) is honored to announce the establishment of the Lisa Regan Durr Community Activism Scholarship Fund, a tribute to Lisa's unwavering commitment to social justice and her instrumental role in the early formation of TTAR.

Lisa was a passionate advocate for racial equity and believed deeply in the power of education to foster an anti-racist community in the Tri-Town. Her dedication to social justice, learning, and action inspired others to do the same, and her legacy continues to inspire us all.

To honor Lisa's memory, this scholarship will be awarded to a student of color attending school in the Tri-Town who embodies the values she championed, such as



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her passion for volunteerism.

Lisa's work lives on in all of us, and through this scholarship, we hope to empower the next generation of leaders committed to equity and change.

The Lisa Regan Durr Community Activism Scholarship seeks to support a student who reflects both academic commitment and a deep dedication to community service. This scholarship is intended for a student who has actively volunteered in their community and who identifies as a student of color, including those who are biracial or who may be perceived as racially diverse. By recognizing students who have demonstrated compassion, leadership, and a commitment to uplifting others, this scholarship aims to invest in individuals

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# Super Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 1 Law enforcers, slangily  
5 War on Poverty prez  
8 Husband on "The Munsters"  
14 Injections  
19 High hairstyle  
20 Atop, in verse  
21 Baltimore pro athlete  
22 Conical home  
23 Fifth Avenue retailer of luxury goods  
25 Pungent sushi paste  
26 Tibetan, e.g.  
27 "Cool, dude!"  
28 Many an intl. charity gp.  
29 Where to hit a home run  
31 Simpson trial judge Lance  
32 Khaki color  
33 Warlike deity  
34 Frequently, in verse  
35 What a dealer deals from  
38 River vessel  
41 Parisian play part  
45 Put in a tomb  
46 Indian dress  
47 Stores away  
48 Closest bud

- 51 Bit of wristwear with small, linked segments  
56 Rage  
57 Surgery ctrs.  
59 Cake layers  
60 Org. for drs.  
61 Spike of films  
62 Food — (post-meal condition)  
64 Prefix for "milk"  
66 Become stretched out  
68 Occasion upon three-score years of marriage  
73 Building part enclosed by blaze-resistant walls  
74 Western flick option, briefly  
77 King, in Arles  
78 Brief slumber  
79 Green shade  
81 Four halves  
84 Zero  
85 Gift for popping the question  
89 Point where the moon is farthest from Earth  
91 Milk farm  
92 At any point

- 93 Supermodel Kate  
95 "Jenny" co-star Alan  
96 Hi-tech organizers  
97 Footwear for golfer Payne Stewart  
103 Busy insect  
105 Fat or protein unit  
106 Skill, in Latin  
107 Prevaricate  
108 Alternative to rhinestone  
114 Capote, to pals  
115 Small hotel  
116 Ordinary  
117 Cell with an axon  
118 Things associated with eight answers in this puzzle  
120 Helmsley of hotels  
121 Wash out the mouth audibly  
122 Busy insect  
123 Detestable  
124 Secret rendezvous  
125 Roots firmly  
126 Sporty English autos  
127 Did perfectly

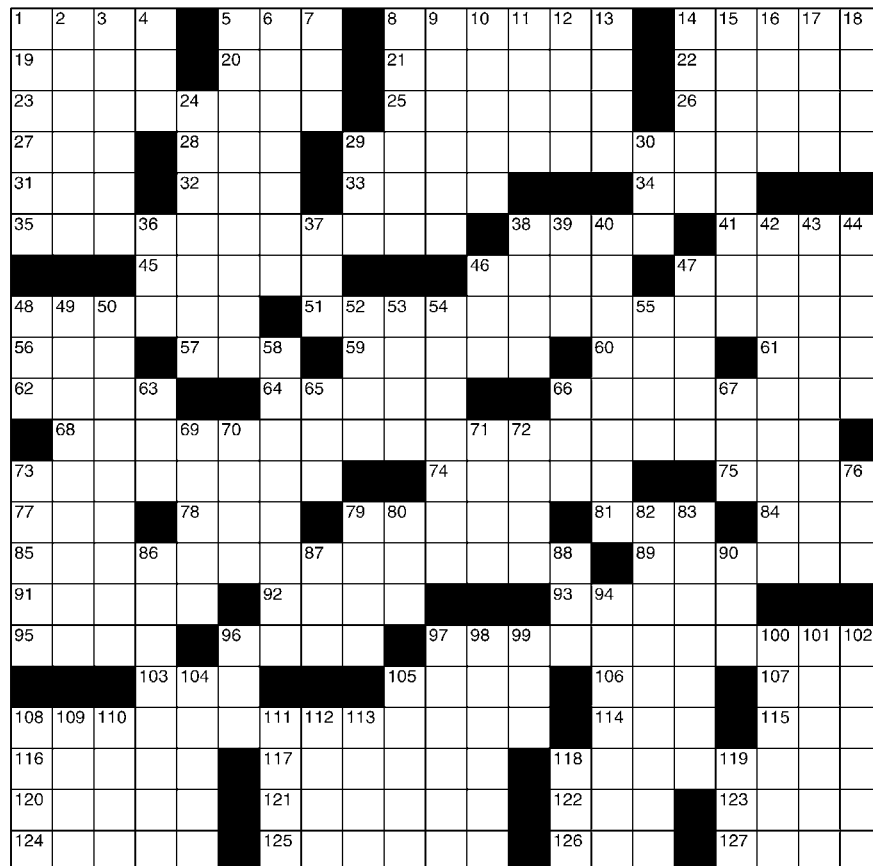
## DOWN

- 1 Rotten  
2 Downer drug

- 3 Adobe Acrobat file, for short  
4 Gut-punch sound  
5 Way past the time that  
6 "Crazy in Love" singer  
7 Third-year H.S. students  
8 Sportscaster  
9 Rubs away  
10 Goes upward  
11 Utah town near Arches National Park  
12 Jessica of "Dark Angel"  
13 Moonwalker  
14 Work crew  
15 Hem and haw  
16 Sheriff Taylor's tyke  
17 Greenish shade  
18 Dispatch  
24 Oscar nominee  
29 Pub  
30 Realtor's unit  
36 DIYer's set  
37 Singer  
38 It may be fretless  
39 Globe  
40 Sortie signal

- 42 Arresting, informally  
43 Canary of cartoons  
44 Perfumer  
46 Titled man  
47 Looks over  
48 Big name in pens  
49 Relating to an eating-away process  
50 Somewhat stiff  
52 Mark indelibly  
53 Old-time actress  
54 Talbot or Naldi  
54 Genre for "L.A. Confidential"  
55 Love, in Latin  
58 Ambien or ZzzQuil, for short  
63 Wood cutter  
65 — loss for words  
66 12/24, e.g.  
67 Miss  
69 Sharp-tasting  
70 "Dies —" (hymn)  
71 "Avatar" race  
72 Major Calif.-to-Fla. hwy.  
73 Disco singer  
76 Corrida shout  
79 Wallet wad

- 80 Mailbox item: Abbr.  
82 Aquatic rodents  
83 American marsupial  
86 Graceful, swift horses  
87 Actress  
88 Chap  
90 Second wife of Lennon  
94 Arranging on a dish for serving  
96 Brick-shaped tart candy  
97 Betrayer  
98 Benedict  
99 A.M. show since '75  
100 Facility for outpatients  
101 Set ablaze  
102 Felt intuitively  
104 Brilliant effect  
105 Grand Coulee, e.g.  
108 Niche religion  
109 Exploiter  
110 Sea marker  
111 Playwright  
112 Extract the juice from  
113 Hydrant site  
118 Grand Coulee, e.g.  
119 Eggs, in labs



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# SALOME'S STARS

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Aspects indicate a potential for confusion or misunderstandings. Keep the lines of communication open between you and your mate or significant other.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) Romantic aspects are strong but confusing. Be alert! Use your good Bovine sense to avoid charging into something that isn't quite what it seems to be.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) Working out problems with family members or others who are close to you should be your priority. Meanwhile, travel aspects are strong, especially in job-related situations.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) The Cancerian Crab likes to take charge of things. But be careful that you don't pinch off more than you can hold, or you might find it all slipping out of your grasp.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) A new opportunity beckons for LEONs and LEONas who are ready to take on some tough challenges. Additionally, family matters continue to improve but still need close attention.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) What seems to be a disappointment could be a blessing in disguise. Use your good Virgan mind to analyze the situation and learn some valuable lessons.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) There are some conflicting considerations that will need careful sorting out. Remember, you do best when you're able to balance sense and sentiment.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Aspects show conflicting signs around friendships. Be careful about taking advice from someone who might have an agenda that isn't in your best interests.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Relationships are supposed to be about give-and-take, but you might find that you've been doing all the giving while getting little in return.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Sometimes indecision can be a positive factor in helping to resolve doubts about a potential commitment. Don't be rushed into acting before you feel ready to do so.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Take off your rose-colored glasses and see this new situation for what it is -- and for what it isn't. Remember, you haven't been told the whole truth yet.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Watch that you don't drain your energy reserves as you dive into a new and increasingly demanding project. Take time out for rest and relaxation.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You live your life on a finely tuned balance between the passions of an ARIES and the perception of a Taurus. You most likely excel in the arts.

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whose experiences and service strengthen and enrich their communities.

Student Criteria: \$1,500, All students attending schools in the Tri-Town (Mattapoisett, Marion, or Rochester. ORRHS, Old Colony, Tabor, School Choice, or Home Schoolers who live in the Tri-Town.

Essay: 1-2 pages, 12pt. Times New Roman, 1.5 sp. Or a four-to-five-minute video outlining their volunteerism and commitment to social justice. The essay or video should provide evidence of commitment to community and social justice, such as describing the applicant's involvement, values, and experiences related to equity and advocacy.

Documentation of participation in social justice-focused activities, which may include attendance at workshops, programs, community events, or school initiatives related to social justice.

Proof of at least 10 hours of community service, which can be demonstrated through:

A signed service log or certificate confirming the number of hours volunteered.

Email confirmation or official documentation from a supervisor or program coordinator verifying participation.

Two letters of recommendation from the organization(s) where the service was completed, or from a teacher, mentor, coach, or other significant person with knowledge of your volunteerism.

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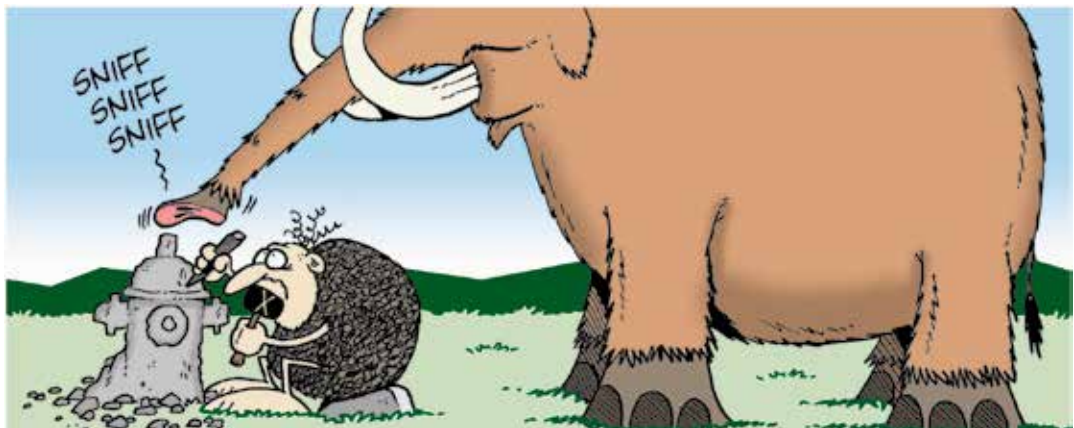
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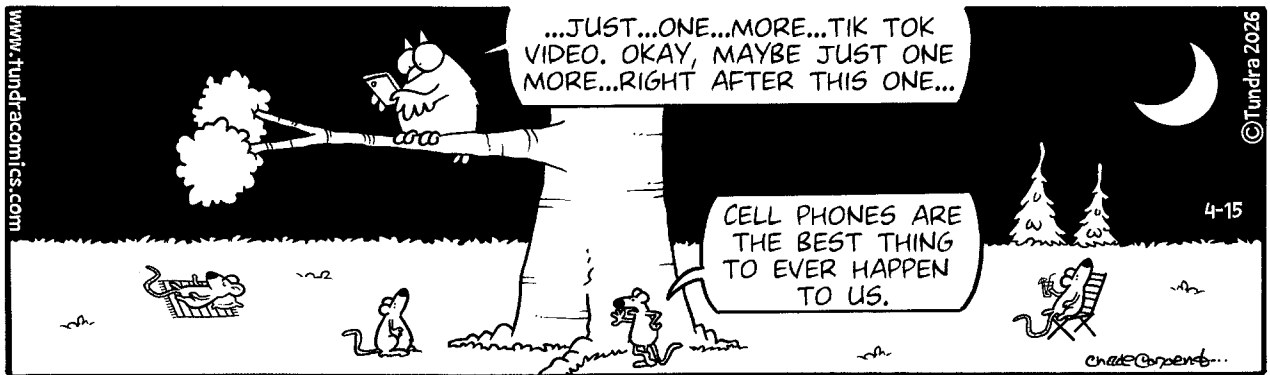
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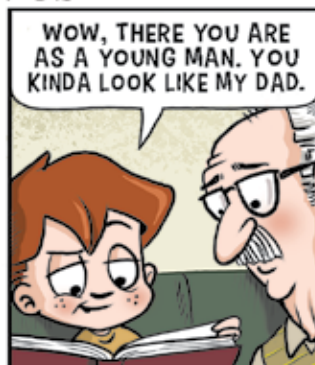


Tundra  
by Chad Carpenter



## Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





Applications are due no later than **April 30**. Decisions will be announced on May 14, 2026.

Applications should be emailed to [info@tritownagainstracism.org](mailto:info@tritownagainstracism.org). All supporting documents should be in one PDF file.

Upon approval: 10-hour volunteer commitment to TTAR over an academic year.

Actual scholarship money will receive the scholarship money after the first semester, upon proof of successful matriculation at an accredited institution.

### **Mattapoissett Woman's Club Continuing Education Scholarship**

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is pleased to offer a continuing education scholarship of \$1500 to a Mattapoissett resident who is reentering the academic world after graduation and is in pursuit of a postsecondary degree, certificate, or career advancing coursework. The application is available online at [www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org](http://www.mattapoissettwomansclub.org). All applications must be postmarked by **May 31**. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered.

The Mattapoissett Woman's Club is a philanthropic organization that plans and executes fund-raising events including the Taste of the Town and the biennial garden tour to help generate the revenue for these scholarships and other charitable donations. These scholarships are intended to support the club's belief in the importance of education and to demonstrate its grateful dedication to the community. Membership in the Mattapoissett Woman's Club is open to any woman who is interested in the objectives of the organization.

### **A Homeschool Cooperative in Rochester**

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American Sign Language, and enjoy monthly field trips.

Rochester Christian Learning Center is accepting enrollment applications through **May 15** for the 2026-2027 school year. For more information, or to apply online, please visit [rochesterchristianlc.org](http://rochesterchristianlc.org).

### **Music at the MAC**

Carl Beverly & Richard D. Lewis are Making Music to Change the World on Saturday, **April 18** at 7:00 pm Carl Beverly & Richard D. Lewis will be Making Music to Change the World. Carl and Richard are two gifted singer-songwriters whose music embodies the very best qualities of the human experience to inspire us all to create a more egalitarian and humane world. Come join us to hear well-crafted songs with beautiful melodies and lyrical messages that will give you hope that, yes, we can save the planet and truly make the world a better place for ALL of humanity. General admission tickets are \$25 for MAC members and \$30 for nonmembers. The MAC's Anne Braitmayer Webb Theater is located at 80 Pleasant St. Marion. Tickets and more information for this concert are available at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### **Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship**

The Mattapoissett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Priscilla Hathaway Art Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoissett, Marion, or Rochester resident graduating from high school in June 2026, who

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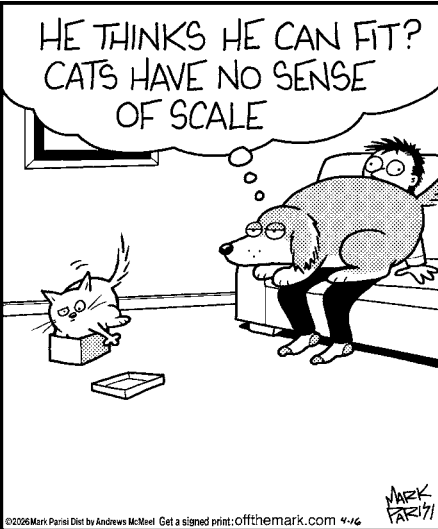


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| <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>MATTAPOISETT SELF STORAGE, Inc.<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION</b></p> <p>Mattapoisett Self Storage Operator's Sale for non-payment of Storage Charges pursuant to the power of sale contained in M.G.L. Chapter 105A, Section 4. The following property will be sold at Public Auction at 12:30 pm on April 30, 2026, on the premises of Mattapoisett Self Storage, 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. All household furniture, trunks, books, clothes, appliances, tools, antiques, miscellany held for: Richard Lynch, Unit O-R015. Sale per order of Mattapoisett Self Storage. Tel: 508-758-4311. Terms: Cash. Units sold by the entirety. Sale is subject to postponement and/or cancellation. www.StorageAuctionSolutions.com Lic # 350. 4/9, 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>BOARD OF APPEALS<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</b></p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following Applications and Petitions. ALL meetings are held at the Mattapoisett Town Hall Conference Room, 16 Main Street (unless otherwise noted). The start time is 6 pm.<br/>* The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, April 17, 2026 *</p> <p>Continuance of CASE 1586 – Petition of Patrick M. &amp; Sharon J. Costello<br/>RE: 41 Fairhaven Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 17, Lot 103 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in Zoning District RR-45. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 25419, Page 118. The property contains a lot of 64,329 sq. ft. and is partially developed with a single-family dwelling. The property has 223.95' of frontage along Fairhaven Road (Rt. 6) and 147.44 of frontage along Wildwood Terrace. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to redivide the property to construct a house on the northerly portion abutting Wildwood Terrace. The Lot Division Plan depicts two lots, Lot#1 with 19,270 sq. ft. and 147.44 of frontage along Wildwood Terrace, and Lot #2 with 45,059 sq. ft. of lot area and 223.95 of frontage along Fairhaven Road. It should be noted that per the Plan, the existing house and deck will be demolished, and a new dwelling will be constructed in the same general location.</p> <p>CASE #1588 – Petition of Marcus Baptiste, Charlotte Oliveira Revocable Trust<br/>RE: 17 Shore View Ave. Mattapoisett, MA, also known as Plot 12.0, Lot 41.0 on the Assessor's Map. Zoning District W30. Recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 53317, Page 270. The applicant is seeking a Variance to allow the building of a single-family home in contradiction of the setback requirement of the W30 zoning district.</p> <p>CASE #1589 – Petition of Neil &amp; Cynthia Musante<br/>RE: 4 Dyar Road, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 12A, Lot 28A on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Zoning District W30. It is recorded in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 58013, Page 92. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to reconstruct the roof over the existing garage entrance, creating an overhang that encroaches closer (Approx. 1.5 Feet) to the street setback. The existing structure is pre-existing non-conforming and does not increase the non-conformity.</p> | <p>CASE #1590 – Petition of Shelly A. &amp; Vincent J. Mondo III<br/>RE: 26 Sagamore Road Mattapoisett, MA 02739. The property is further described as Plot 15A, Lot 54 on the Assessor's Map. The lot is in the Zoning District W30. It is recorded with the Plymouth Registry of Deeds Book 59737, Page 39. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit to construct an attached 2-car garage with a great room above to service the existing dwelling, seeking relief from the side and front yard setbacks. 4/9, 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF ROCHESTER<br/>PLANNING BOARD<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, Section 81Q, notice is hereby given that the Rochester Planning Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Rochester Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way, Rochester, MA 02770 to consider the following amendments to the Town of Rochester Rules and Regulations Governing The Subdivision of Land:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amend Chapter 8.3 Modifications to Approval: by adding new language to incorporate language of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 97 to outline the process for a conversion of conservation, recreation, or open space parcels within a subdivision.</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the text is available at the Planning Department located at the Rochester Town Hall Annex, 37 Marion Road, during business hours.<br/>Join Zoom Meeting<br/><a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84986545854">https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84986545854</a><br/>Meeting ID: 849 8654 5854<br/>Or Call: 1 646 876 9923<br/>Arnold Johnson, Chairman 4/9, 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Brett J. &amp; Emily A. L'Esperance.</p> <p>The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.</p> <p>The Applicants propose to construct a single-family dwelling, install associated utilities, performed associated filling and grading and to construct a driveway which would traverse the wetland.</p> <p>The proposed work will be performed partially within a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and on an Inland Bank of an intermittent stream and within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland.</p> <p>The property is located at Tupola Lane which is further identified as Lot #14 on Assessors Map #7. 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Buzzards Bay Coalition, 114 Front Street, New Bedford, MA 02740. The proposed project is to amend an existing Order</p> | <p>of Conditions to implement additional minor trail improvements and maintain site habitats and infrastructure as needed. The project is located at 141 Acushnet Road, and is further identified as Lot 1,2,3,4,7, 36 on Assessor Map 22, and Map 24 Lots 20 &amp; 21.<br/>**Contact <a href="mailto:concomm@mattapoisett.net">concomm@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Marcus Baptiste, Southcoast Development Inc., 281 Perron Avenue, Somerset, MA 02726. The proposed project is to request to amend the original order of conditions to make changes to the house, decking and driveway on the original approved plan. The project is located at 0 Starboard Way, and is further identified as Lot 41 on Assessor Map 12.<br/>**Contact <a href="mailto:concomm@mattapoisett.net">concomm@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT<br/>CONSERVATION COMMISSION<br/>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</b></p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:30 pm in the Town Hall (in person and remotely via Zoom **) on a Notice of Intent submitted by Zenith Consulting Engineers, LLC, 3 Main Street, Lakeville, MA 02347. The proposed project is to construct roadway of associated grading, tree clearing, drainage and utilities within the 100' buffer to bordering vegetated wetlands. The project is located at 2 Whitetail Run and Right of Way, and is further identified as a portion of Lot 55A on Assessor Map 23.0<br/>**Contact <a href="mailto:concomm@mattapoisett.net">concomm@mattapoisett.net</a> for the Zoom Meeting Information. 4/16</p> <hr/> <p><b>off the mark by Mark Parisi</b></p>  <p>©2026 Mark Parisi. Dist by Andrews McMeel. Get a signed print: <a href="http://offthemark.com">offthemark.com</a> 4/26</p> |

is committed to keeping the core values that Priscilla Hathaway exemplified, is studying art, and plans to continue education in fine arts. The scholarship is made available through the generosity of Brad Hathaway and his family.

Application forms are available in the high school guidance offices and at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website: [mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/](http://mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/).

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 17**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 15.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

### **Blanche B. Perry Scholarship**

The Mattapoisett Land Trust is seeking applicants for its \$1000 Blanche B. Perry Scholarship. This award is available to a Mattapoisett resident graduating from Old Rochester Regional High School, Bishop Stang High School, Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical High School, or Tabor Academy by June 2026, and pursuing education in the sciences and/or environmental studies or a related field.

The scholarship is made available through the Edith Glick Shoolman Fund, a bequest left to provide support for children in the community.

Application forms are available in the guidance offices of participating schools listed above and at the Mattapoisett Land Trust website: [mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/](http://mattlandtrust.org/education/grants-and-scholarships/).

The deadline for submitting the complete application and accompanying materials is **April 17**. The recipient will be notified by mail by May 15.

The actual award will be disbursed after the student submits an official college transcript documenting a successful completion of the first semester in college to the Mattapoisett Land Trust.

### **Mattapoisett Lions Senior Dinner**

The Mattapoisett Lions Club Senior Dinner will be held on Saturday, **April 18** at 12:00 pm for local seniors at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church. There is no fee for the meal, and the dinner includes full turkey dinner, with fixings and dessert. Participants and individuals who need meals can contact the Council on aging at: [coadirector@mattapoisett.gov](mailto:coadirector@mattapoisett.gov) or 508-758-4110 to report attendance or need for meal delivery. Any questions about the senior dinner can be directed to Jeffrey Swift, 508-758-3666.

### **Tour de Crème Bike Ride**

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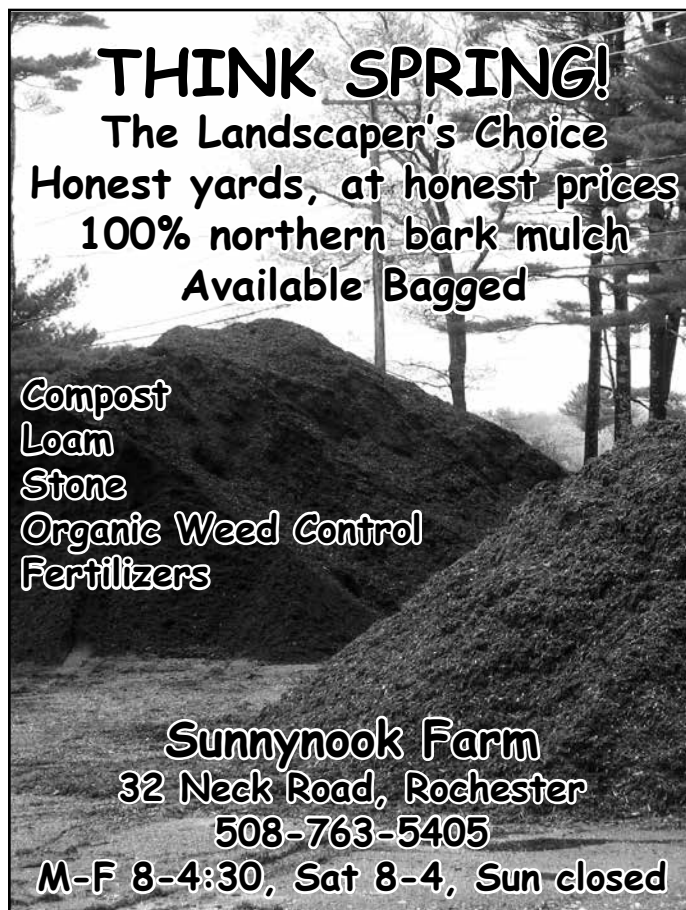
Sunday, **May 31**, the Tour de Crème bike ride returns for its 8th year. Cycle from Mattapoisett and surrounding towns stopping for a free scoop of ice cream at creameries all along the routes. Register and choose between 9, 25, and 47-mile rides. Afterwards, riders join the post-ride party at Munro Park in Mattapoisett for even more ice cream, food, live music, and cold beverages. This is not a race and riders of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate.

Registration will open March 15 for both riders and volunteers. To stay up to date follow The Tour de Crème Facebook page and visit [tourdecreme.org](http://tourdecreme.org) to learn more.

Not interested in riding? There are many different volunteer opportunities available. Fundraising is also encouraged for riders and non-riders alike. This fantastically fun event is a fundraiser for the Mattapoisett Land Trust and the Friends of the Mattapoisett Rail Trail who work to improve and expand hiking and biking trails throughout Mattapoisett.

### **38th MYC Spring Round The Bay Race**

Mattapoisett Yacht Club Hosts Round The Bay Regatta on **June 6**, This is the first race in the Buzzards Bay Trophy, The Spring Round-the-Bay Race is a "pursuit start" PHRF Handicap race for Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker Classes. The course begins and finishes outside of Mattapoisett Harbor. This is the first race in series of



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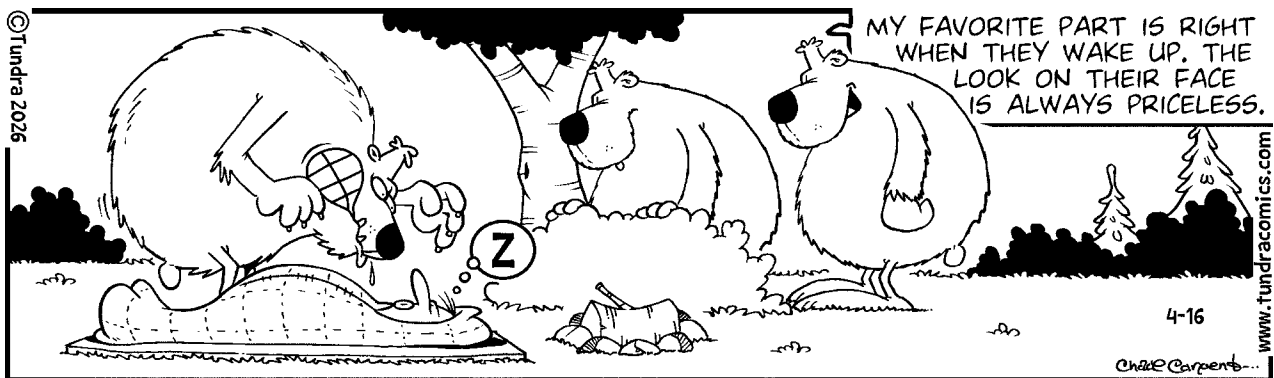
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### MHC Historic Plaque Program

The Mattapoisett Historical Commission was established in 1973 to identify, evaluate, preserve, and protect the historically significant resources of the town. The historic house plaque program serves to recognize historic structures with the placement of an historic plaque.

In honor of the nation's 250th (Semiquincentennial) Anniversary, the Historical Commission encourages the residents of Mattapoisett to apply for an historic house plaque or to replace existing house plaques in need of updating.

A property must meet two or more qualifying criteria:

- Age: The structure must be at least 75 years old.

- Historic Event: Structures must be associated with an event that has local, regional, or national significance.

- Person: The structure must be associated with a person or persons who have made a notable contribution to history.

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- Cultural landscape/archeology: The site of the structure has an important connection to the local history.

The plaques will display the original owner's name and spouse, if applicable, and the date. There is space for three lines. It should be attached to the front of the house where it can be visible from the street. Plaques are informational only and do not restrict the owner from making changes to the property.

The application form is available on the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website. Once

completed it should be returned to: Mattapoisett Historical Commission, 16 Main St., Mattapoisett, MA 02739.

Please see the Mattapoisett Historical Commission website under [www.mattapoisett.gov](http://www.mattapoisett.gov) for further information.

### Sippican Rod & Gun Club Scholarship

Sippican Rod & Gun Club is pleased to announce that for the 2026-2027 school year we will offer two \$1,000 scholarships to local students. Scholarships are available to any high school senior, or student currently enrolled in college or a certificate program. For application information go to [www.sippicanrodandgunclub.org/about-5](http://www.sippicanrodandgunclub.org/about-5).

Applications will only be accepted by email and will only be accepted from now through Midnight **April 30**, applicants should receive return email confirmation within 72 hours or resubmit their application, incomplete applications will be discarded.

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### Project GROW Preschool Program Registration

Superintendent Michael S. Nelson is pleased to announce that registration for the Old Rochester Regional School District and MA Superintendency Union #55 Project GROW preschool program is open for the 2026-27 school year.

Project GROW has long provided high-quality pre-schooling to children in Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester.

"Project GROW continues to be an important entry point into learning for many of our youngest students," Superintendent Nelson said. "Project GROW reflects our commitment to early childhood education by offering a welcoming, supportive environment where children can build confidence, curiosity and essential social skills."

The program provides children with a part-day, high-quality preschool experience in a public-school setting, in addition to an inclusive learning environment for children with special needs.

The program is being offered at three district schools:  
Sippican Elementary School, Marion (9:00 am to 1:00 pm).  
Center School, Mattapoisett (8:50 am to 12:50 pm).  
Rochester Memorial School, Rochester (9:00 am to 1:00 pm).

The program consists of two classes:  
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This four-hour program is open to all children residing in Marion, Mattapoisett, and Rochester who will be 3 years of age before September 1, 2026.

Each Project GROW class is held at the town elementary school where the family resides.

Parents and guardians are reminded that they are responsible for providing transportation to and from the program each day.

"Project GROW is designed to meet children where they are developmentally while encouraging independence, creativity and collaboration," said Early Childhood Coordinator Doreen Lopes. "Our educators focus on meaningful experiences that help children develop a strong sense of readiness for kindergarten and beyond."

Each preschool class is staffed by a certified teacher and assistant. The program aligns with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks and follows the High/Scope curriculum.

### Call for Entries - Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years

The Marion Art Center announces a call for entries to its upcoming juried summer exhibition, Declaration & Dialogue: Reflections on 250 Years. As we mark the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we invite artists to engage deeply with what this milestone means now -

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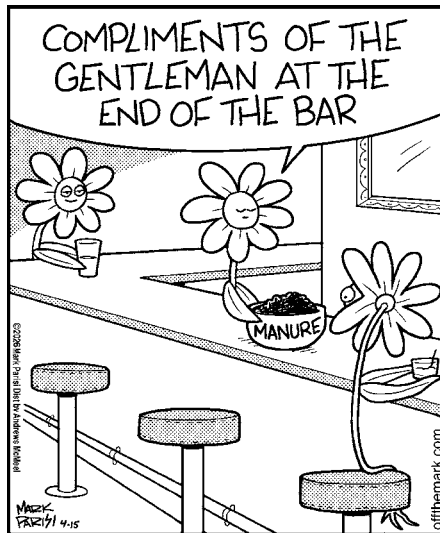
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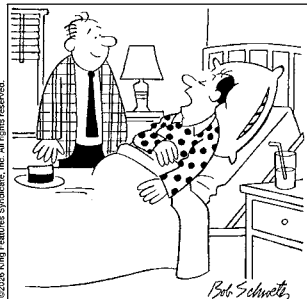
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All visual media is eligible - painting, sculpture, mixed media, video, or new media. Works should reflect the artist's personal interpretation of the Declaration's legacy - its ideals, challenges, complexities, or contradictions. Submissions may or may not offer political or social commentary; entries may reflect personal, aesthetic, emotional, or conceptual interpretations.

The deadline for entries is **June 1**, and the show dates are July 10 to August 7. More information and application instructions can be found at [marionartcenter.org/events](http://marionartcenter.org/events).

### Marion Town Sticker Purchases

The following permits will be available for purchase in the Town Clerk's Office at the Marion Town House Annex, 14 Barnabas Road:

- Marion Resident Beach/Parking Permits.
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- Marion Shellfish Licenses.

These stickers will no longer be available at the Harbormaster Building.

### Town of Mattapoisett Scholarships

The Mattapoisett Scholarship Committee is offering two distinct scholarship awards each of up to \$1,500 to deserving and qualified applicants who complete our application process.

The Details are:

1. Mattapoisett Graduating Senior Award, Eligibility: Any Mattapoisett resident who is graduating from High School prior to July 1. Award(s): The total Scholarship Award amount is \$1,500. The Committee reserves the right to decide how many applicants will receive a stipend that will, in total, not exceed the \$1,500 total. Requirements: Students should submit in addition to the application form their letters of recommendation, transcript and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need. Submission Deadline: **April 17**.

2. Mattapoisett Continuing Education Scholarship. Eligibility: Any Mattapoisett resident who is reentering the academic world. They should be pursuing a post graduate degree, career advancing courses or trade certification. Award(s): The total Continuing Education Award amount is \$1,500. The Committee reserves the right to decide how many applicants will receive a stipend that will, in total, not exceed the \$1,500 total. Requirements: Applicants should submit their letter of recommendations, applicable transcript(s), any applicable course or training information and a cover letter addressing their aspirations and financial need. The committee shall take into consideration

each recipients financial need, character, scholastic record, and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular activities. Successful applicants will be informed by **May 8**.

Blank and completed application forms are available at: Mattapoisett Town Hall, c/o Christine Richards, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739, Phone: 508-758-4100, Email: [crichards@mattapoisett.gov](mailto:crichards@mattapoisett.gov).

### Mattapoisett Library Online Learning Platform to Empower Adults 55+

With the number of Americans aged 65 and older projected to increase by 24 million by 2050, MFPL is proud to announce the availability of Gale Presents: GetSetUp, a proven digital resource designed to support the growing needs of older adults across our community. According to the 2024 Active Aging Report, older adults are increasingly turning to digital tools for health, wellness, and lifelong learning, as evidenced by their participation in over 5.27 million GetSetUp online activities last year. To meet their needs, Mattapoisett Library is offering free access to this innovative platform built specifically for adults aged 55 and over.

"We're excited to bring this empowering resource to our patrons," said Amanda Lawrence, Adult Services Librarian. "GetSetUp helps older adults stay mentally sharp, socially connected, and physically active - all from the comfort of home."

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## PEARLS BEFORE SWINE by Stephan Pastis



### Key Features of Gale Presents: GetSetUp:

-A rotating catalog of 5,000+ live and on-demand classes, short videos, and articles on topics like digital literacy, fitness, nutrition, mental wellness, travel, and retirement planning.

-Peer-led instruction by older adult educators who understand the unique learning styles of their audience.

-Built-in community features that foster social interaction and reduce isolation.

-Flexible, self-paced learning accessible on smartphones, tablets, and computers.

-Support from Helen, an AI assistant that helps users find classes, answer questions, and stay engaged.

### Why It Matters Now:

-28% (16.2 million) of older adults live alone, making social connections more critical than ever.

-45.9% of GetSetUp surveyed users engage in daily physical activity, and many active agers are seeking new ways to stay healthy.

-Nearly 900,000 digital literacy classes were taken through GetSetUp in 2023 on topics including online banking, telemedicine, and smart device usage, showing a strong desire to stay informed and tech fluent in today's world.

Mattapoissett Library is committed to supporting the well-being of older adults in Mattapoissett by offering inclusive, accessible, and engaging resources. Whether aging patrons are looking to learn a new skill, connect with others, or simply stay active, GetSetUp has something for everyone. With practical, tech-focused classes like "Online Safety: Protect Your Personal Information" and "Using Your Android Smartphone," seniors can confidently navigate today's rapidly changing digital environment. At the same time, courses such as "Ease the Ache with Gentle Stretches for Back Pain" and "Brain Boost: Keeping Young with Music" can help older adults stay mentally sharp, physically active, and creatively inspired - all while connecting with peers who share their interests and experiences.

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GetSetUp for free by visiting [mattapoissettlibrary.org/](http://mattapoissettlibrary.org/), clicking "Online Resources," and then "Online Learning." Scroll down to "GetSetUp by Gale." If you need assistance, please contact the library.

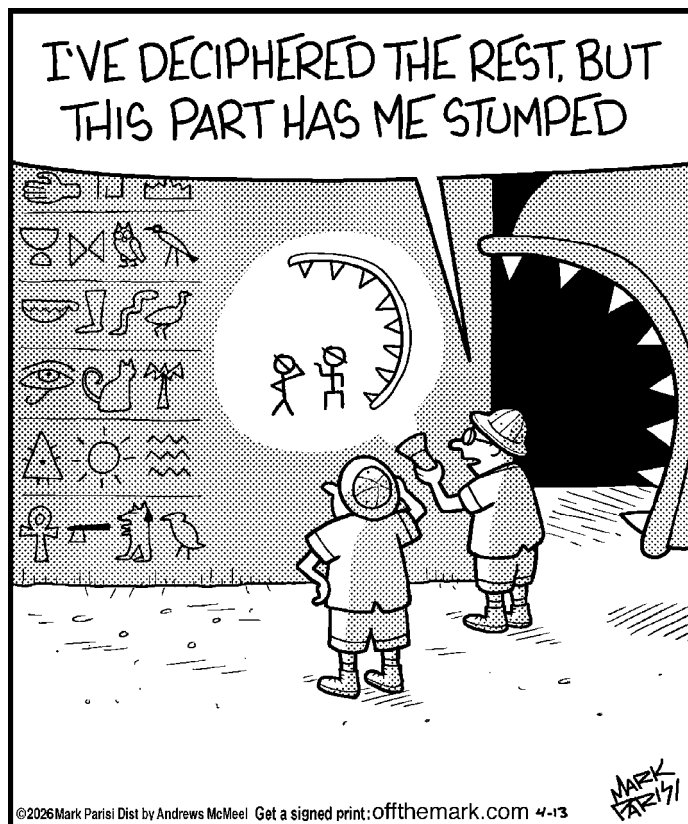
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### Mattapoissett Congregational Church

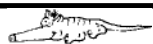
The Mattapoissett Congregational Church's steeple is lit nightly and is a beacon of welcome and comfort to all. The Beacon of Light was started as a way to celebrate and honor loved ones or special occasions. If you would like the steeple to be lit in remembrance of, in celebration of, or in honor of a loved one or blessed event, please call the church office at 508-758-2671 or email [mattcongchurch@gmail.com](mailto:mattcongchurch@gmail.com) for more information. We welcome and encourage multiple entries each month. This is a special way to celebrate our beautiful steeple, as a Beacon of Light in Mattapoissett, and to financially support our church. Thank you for your donation.

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## Local Tides

| Day                | Date     | High          |       | Low        |       |
|--------------------|----------|---------------|-------|------------|-------|
|                    |          | a.m.          | p.m.  | a.m.       | p.m.  |
| Thursday           | April 16 | 7:41          | 8:02  | 1:26       | 1:20  |
| Friday             | April 17 | 8:28          | 8:48  | 2:13       | 2:02  |
| Saturday           | April 18 | 9:16          | 9:36  | 3:01       | 2:46  |
| Sunday             | April 19 | 10:06         | 10:27 | 3:49       | 3:32  |
| Monday             | April 20 | 10:59         | 11:22 | 4:37       | 4:20  |
| Tuesday            | April 21 | 11:56         |       | 5:28       | 5:10  |
| Wednesday          | April 22 | 12:21         | 12:55 | 6:31       | 6:06  |
| Thursday           | April 23 | 1:23          | 1:56  | 8:25       | 7:20  |
| Friday             | April 24 | 2:26          | 2:58  | 9:47       | 9:32  |
| Saturday           | April 25 | 3:29          | 4:01  | 10:45      | 10:56 |
| Sunday             | April 26 | 4:34          | 5:04  | 11:30      | 11:50 |
| Monday             | April 27 | 5:35          | 6:01  |            | 12:02 |
| Tuesday            | April 28 | 6:27          | 6:50  | 12:31      | 12:26 |
| Wednesday          | April 29 | 7:13          | 7:34  | 1:06       | 12:48 |
| Thursday           | April 30 | 7:55          | 8:14  | 1:38       | 1:16  |
| Friday             | May 1    | 8:35          | 8:53  | 2:11       | 1:49  |
| Saturday           | May 2    | 9:14          | 9:29  | 2:47       | 2:27  |
| Sunday             | May 3    | 9:52          | 10:06 | 3:24       | 3:07  |
| Phases of the Moon |          | New Moon      |       | April 17th |       |
|                    |          | First Quarter |       | April 24th |       |
|                    |          | Full Moon     |       | May 1st    |       |
|                    |          | Last Quarter  |       | May 9th    |       |



## I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an aardvark. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the aardvark you can submit your answer on line and if you are right you will get Aardvark Points! You can then use these points to get cool Aardvark Prizes!

To enter visit: [www.wanderer.com](http://www.wanderer.com) and Click on *I Found the Aardvark*

In the April 9, 2026 edition the Aardvark was on page 38

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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## SCRAMBLERS

### solution

1. Tickle; 2. Always
3. Steer; 4. Umbra

Today's Word  
**WALLET**

### Sudoku Answer

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| 4 | 7 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
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| 9 | 4 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 8 |
| 3 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| 8 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 4 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 1 |
| 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 |
| 1 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 9 | 5 | 3 |
| 7 | 3 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 |

off the mark by Mark Parisi





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